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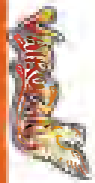
Awakening an ancient monster from a slumber of almost 400 years has its consequences. The young prince Iska should have known better... But the harm is already done. To rectify his mistake, he is ready for anything. Resurrected with its myriad of curses and evil powers, the demon Nue will drag Iska into a dangerous quest bordering on a world filled with fantasy creatures.



I am overjoyed to publish my first volume in France! That story is mostly inspired from medieval Japan but anyone can read it, since Vairocana is first and foremost an invitation to a fantasy world... I hope you will like the journey!

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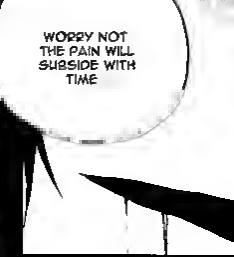
FINALLY!
FINALLY GOT RID OF THAT DAMN KATANA!
HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED...
300...
400...
WH...
WHAA!
THE MEMBERS OF THE SZAK FAMILY, THOSE BASTARDS. THEY WILL PAY DEARLY FOR THEIR INSOLENCE!
Wait... Wh... Who are you?!?
A DEMON... NOW FREE THANKS TO YOU!
...AND HERE IS YOUR REWARD!

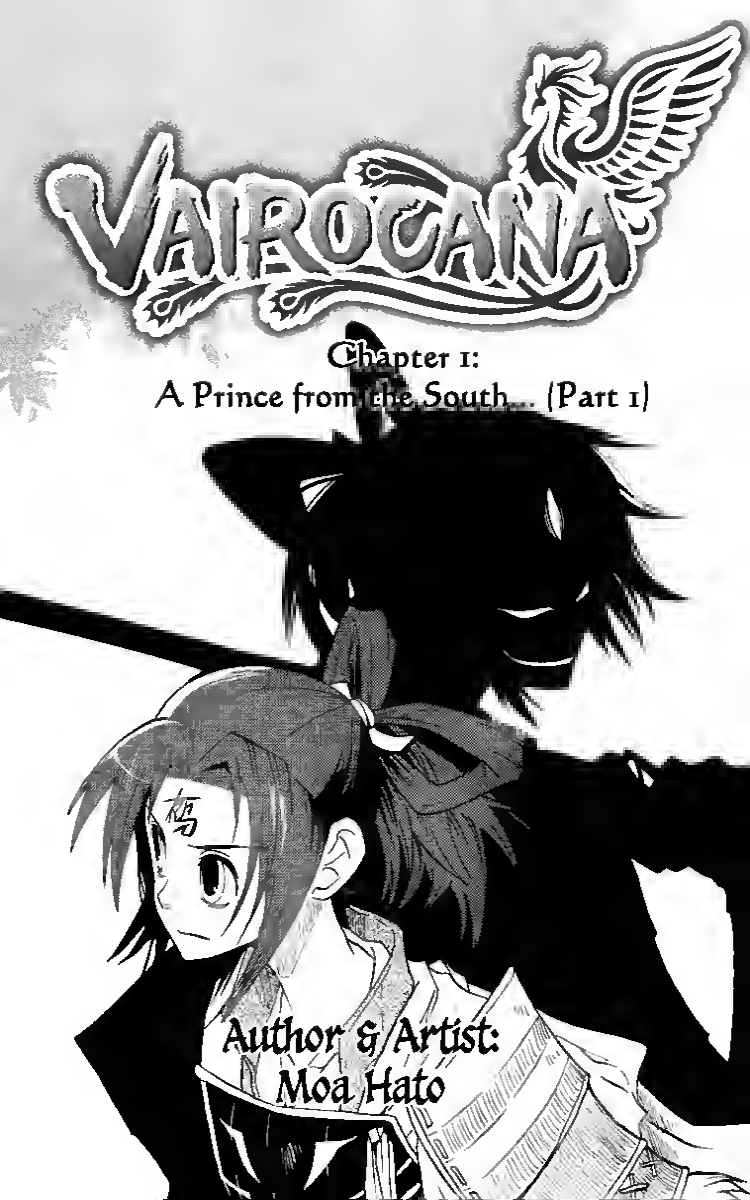
GRAB
AAARGH!
EEK...!
I AM EVIL INCARNATE, I AM LIES INCARNATE...
YOU... YOU'RE LYING!
GET IT THROUGH YOUR HEAD, ISKA!
YOU INTEND TO REWARD ME... BY KILLING ME?
HERE IS MY LAST GIFT...
BE GRATEFUL FOR MY GENEROSITY!

Dohm...

Glush


WORRY NOT THE PAIN WILL SUBSIDE WITH TIME

YOU WILL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS MY HARBINGER!
GO AND SHOW THE ENTIRE WORLD THE EXTENT OF MY POWERS!
GO AND TELL PEOPLE FROM EVERY LAND THAT CHAOS WILL SOON BEFALL THEM!
Wa... Wait...
Wa... Please... Wait...
FOR THE TIME BEING, I HAVE A MATTER TO SETTLE WITH YOUR FATHER!
DON'T DO THIS!!! NOOOO!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A Prince from the South... (Part 1)
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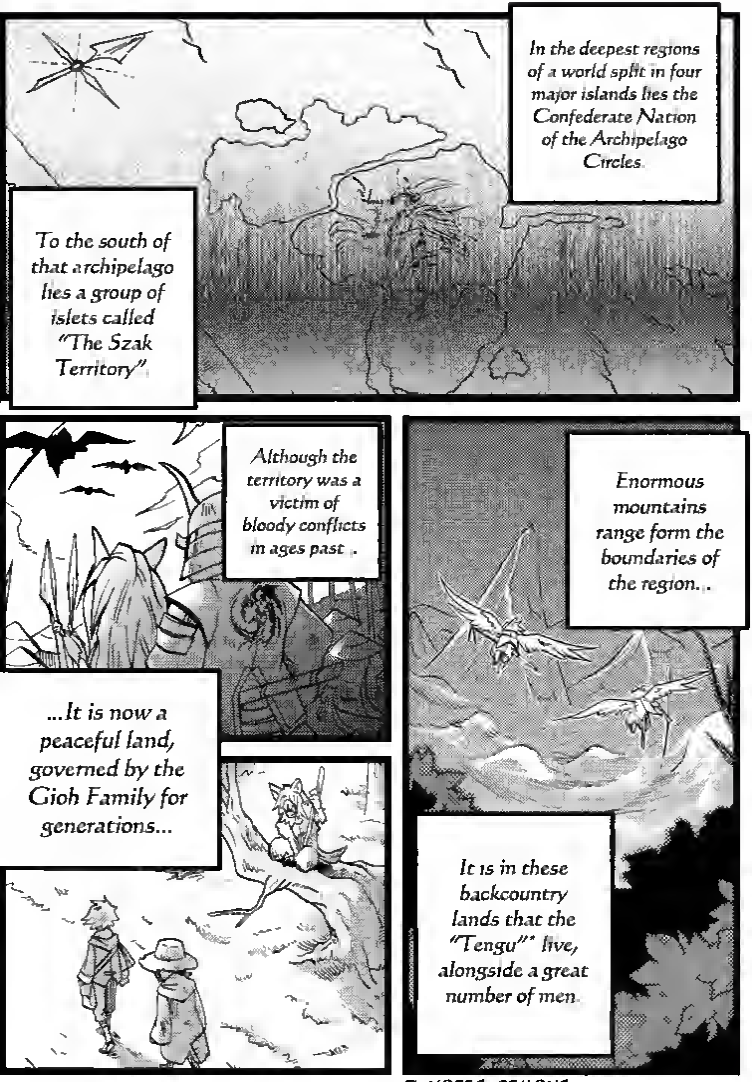

In the deepest regions of a world split in four major islands lies the Confederate Nation of the Archipelago Circles.
To the south of that archipelago lies a group of islets called "The Szak Territory".
Although the territory was a victim of bloody conflicts in ages past...
...It is now a peaceful land, governed by the Gioh Family for generations...
Enormous mountains range form the boundaries of the region...
It is in these backcountry lands that the "Tengu"* live, alongside a great number of men.

TL NOTES: DEMONS

A few years later...
In the intermediary city of Takenoi.
THE AUTUMN COLOURS ARE MAGNIFICENT THIS YEAR!
HUMANS MAY COME AND GO BUT NATURE'S MAGNIFICENT SCENERIES ARE ETERNAL.
Oh?
COULD IT BE MY GOOD OLD FRIEND KAGAMI?!

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL! STILL DRESSED SO ECCENTRICALLY!
YOU'RE THE ONE TO TALK
Haha!
BINGO! IT'S REALLY YOU! MY GOOD OLD FRIEND KAGAMI!
BESIDES, I ALSO HAD A FEW THINGS...
...TO LOOK INTO.
NAH!
I WAS RESTING A BIT WHILE SIGHTSEEING.
IT'S PRETTY RARE TO SEE YOU COME OUT OF YOUR MOUNTAINS! WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING DRESSED AS A HUMAN? YOU CAME HERE TO ENJOY THE WOMEN?
IF I AM TO BELIEVE THE MURMUR OF THE WIND
...THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN QUITE A BIT OF UNREST IN THE CITY OF HUMAN'S

HMM, I WAS ACTUALLY THERE THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY TO ATTEND A CONCERT, BUT...
I DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING SPECIAL.
IN THE CITY?
AS FOR RUMOURS AND GOSSIP, YOU...
I'M NOT SURP-RISED...
ANYWAY, THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ALWAYS COME TOO LATE OVER HERE...
THIEF!!!
SPLASH!
GIVE IT BACK!!
STOP THEM!

I NEED THAT SWORD!
DAMMIT, GIVE IT BACK!
In your dreams, boy!
YOUR KATANA LOOKS LIKE IT'S WORTH A FORTUNE!
IT SPARKLES LIKE A THOUSAND STARS! HEHEHE!
STOP!
PSH! THOSE TWO RASCALS ARE AT IT AGAIN! THOSE BROTHERS ARE TOTAL KLEPTO-MANIACS...
MAY I?
I WILL RETURN IT RIGHT AWAY...

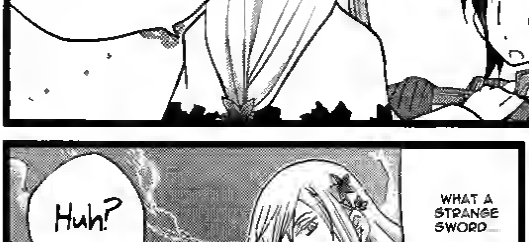
NYARK, NYARK!
DON'T WORRY, BOY!
STOP THEM!
WE'LL DO YOUR SWORD HONOUR...
AND SELL IT FOR A GOOD PRICE!
BWAARGH!
IDIOTS...
SHK
URRRK!

YOU DARE DISTURB THE PEACEFUL FLOW OF THE SEASONS WITH YOUR WILD MOANS?
YOU DESERVE TO BE CUT DOWN WHERE YOU STAND!
OSADA BROTHERS!
CLAP
CLAP
WHAAA! LOR... LOR... LORD KAGAMI!!!
YOU... YOU... YOU RETURNED?!?
Phew!
THANK YOU, SIR THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
PFFF!
EEK!
HAA!
HERE, YOU CAN HAVE IT BACK..

FOR SOMEONE WHOSE SWORD IS SO DEAR TO HIM
I DON'T THINK YOU WERE BEING VERY CAREFUL.

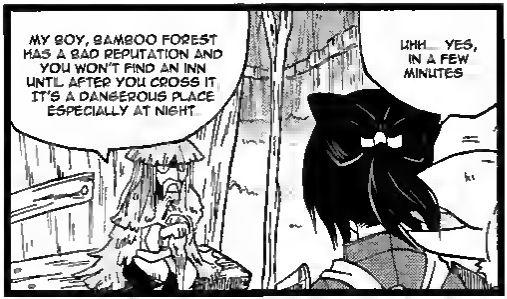
THAT KATANA...
IT'S VERY DEAR TO ME...
I'M GLAD IT HASN'T BEEN DAMAGED...

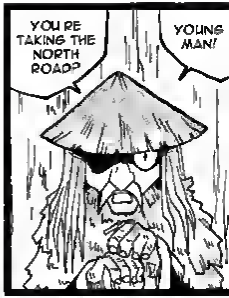
NO, IT'S NOTHING. BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME!
UHH, IS SOMETHING WRONG?


Huh?
WHAT A STRANGE SWORD...

BOW

SO LIGHT...
IT MUST HAVE NO BLADE...
OH, WELL!
I DIDN'T EXPECT THE OUTSIDE WORLD TO BE SO LIVELY!
I HOPE I DIDN'T TAKE TOO LONG, MANASHI?
HOW CAN THERE BE PEOPLE WHO DARE LAY THEIR HANDS ON WHAT ISN'T THEIRS!
EAT A BIT, WE'LL BE LEAVING SOON
HEY, YOU!


MY BOY, BAMBOO FOREST HAS A BAD REPUTATION AND YOU WON'T FIND AN INN UNTIL AFTER YOU CROSS IT. IT'S A DANGEROUS PLACE ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT.
UHH... YES, IN A FEW MINUTES.


YOU'RE TAKING THE NORTH ROAD?
YOUNG MAN!

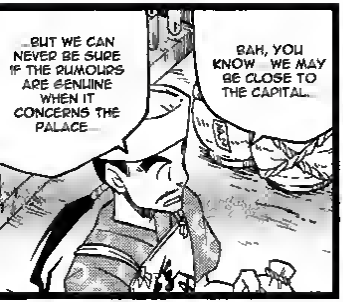
YOU TRAVEL ALONE AND YOU'RE SO YOUNG... I'M AFRAID YOU WON'T MAKE IT OUT OF THERE ALIVE...
BUT MANY BANDITS AND GHOSTS LURK CLOSE BY...
WE MAY BE CLOSE TO THE CAPITAL...

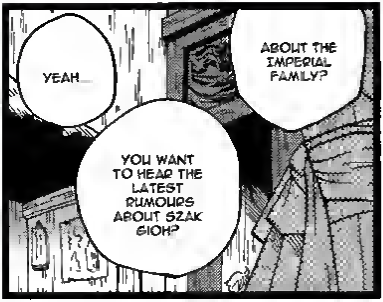
I UNDER-STAND...
BUT I ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO REACH THE NORTH PORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...

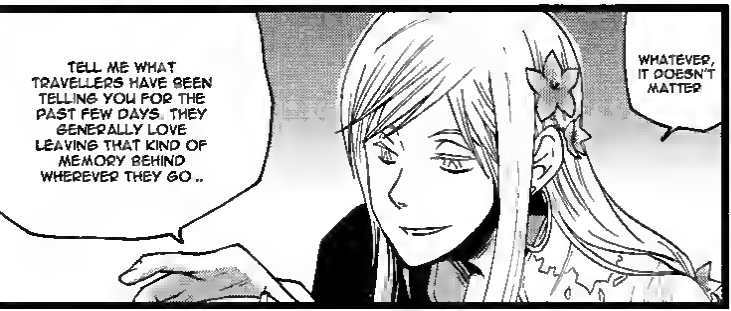
IF YOU WANT MY ADVICE, YOU SHOULD WAIT UNTIL DAWN TO TAKE THAT ROAD...
KR. KR.
I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A BOY'S DISAPPEARANCE!

I PROMISE I WILL BE CAREFUL!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN, SIR!
YEAH! LET'S AMBUSH HIM!
I STILL HAVEN'T GOT OVER THE PUBLIC DISGRACE HE PUT US THROUGH...
YEAH, LITTLE BROTHER!
DID YOU HEAR THAT, BRO?
YOU'LL PAY, YOU DAMN CHEEKY BRAT!

OH, HELLO, MY GOOD LORD!
HEY BOSS! ANYTHING NEW SINCE WE LAST MET?
WITH GREAT PLEASURE!
YEAH, AND YOU'RE STILL A FLATTERER I SEE! GIVE ME YOUR BEST SAKE...
MUCH LIKE YOUR BEAUTY WHICH REMAINS UNWAVERING OVER THE MONTHS!
BAH, NOTHING'S REALLY CHANGED...
EVEN ON THE LATEST GOSSIP ABOUT THE IMPERIAL FAMILY!
...ON WAR GOSSIP, MONSTER GOSSIP, NEWS IN GENERAL...
I CAME TO STOCK UP...
YES
I SUPPOSE YOU CAME HERE TO LISTEN TO THE LATEST RUMOURS?
SO?

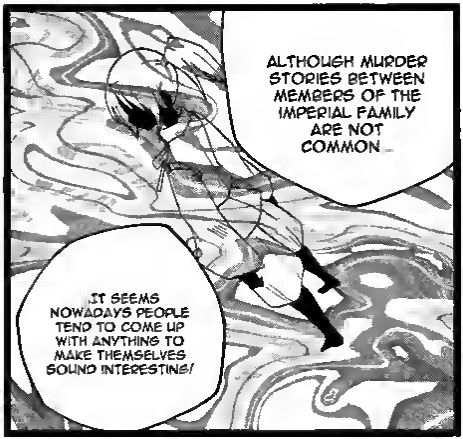

...BUT WE CAN NEVER BE SURE IF THE RUMOURS ARE GENUINE WHEN IT CONCERNS THE PALACE...
BAH, YOU KNOW... WE MAY BE CLOSE TO THE CAPITAL...

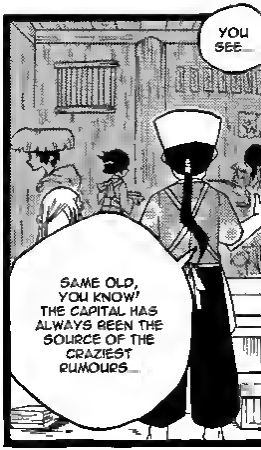

YEAH...
YOU WANT TO HEAR THE LATEST RUMOURS ABOUT SZAK GIOH?
ABOUT THE IMPERIAL FAMILY?


TELL ME WHAT TRAVELLERS HAVE BEEN TELLING YOU FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS. THEY GENERALLY LOVE LEAVING THAT KIND OF MEMORY BEHIND WHEREVER THEY GO..
WHATEVER, IT DOESN'T MATTER

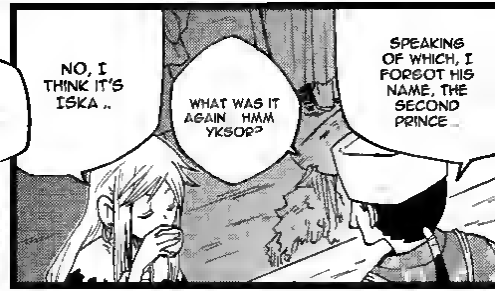
...SOME OTHER RUMOURS SAY THAT THINGS ARE MORE COMPLICATED AND THAT HE WAS MURDERED BY ONE OF HIS SONS, THE SECOND PRINCE, WHO HAS NOW ESCAPED!

WELL, IN THAT CASE...
WHICH EXPLAINS WHY HE HAS BEEN REPLACED AS THE HEAD OF THE EMPIRE HE MUST BE HIDING TO PROTECT HIS LIFE...
IT SEEMS THAT A GROUP OF REBELS HAVE HATCHED A PLOT TO KILL EMPEROR SZAK

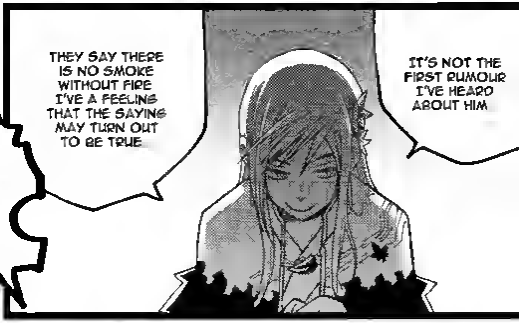

ALTHOUGH MURDER STORIES BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL FAMILY ARE NOT COMMON...
...IT SEEMS NOWADAYS PEOPLE TEND TO COME UP WITH ANYTHING TO MAKE THEMSELVES SOUND INTERESTING!


YOU SEE...
SAME OLD, YOU KNOW! THE CAPITAL HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE SOURCE OF THE CRAZIEST RUMOURS...

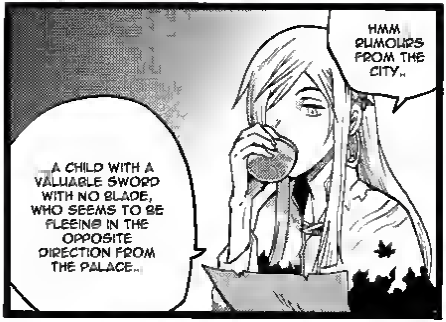
THAT'S IT! ISKA!
YES!


NO, I THINK IT'S ISKA..
WHAT WAS IT AGAIN HMM YKSOR?
SPEAKING OF WHICH, I FORGOT HIS NAME, THE SECOND PRINCE...

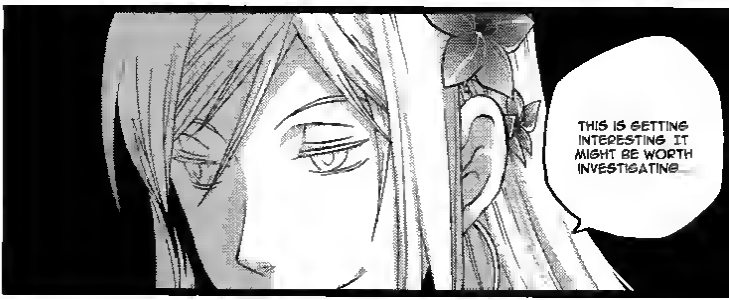
ATTENTION PLEASE!


THEY SAY THERE IS NO SMOKE WITHOUT FIRE I'VE A FEELING THAT THE SAYING MAY TURN OUT TO BE TRUE...
IT'S NOT THE FIRST RUMOUR I'VE HEARD ABOUT HIM...

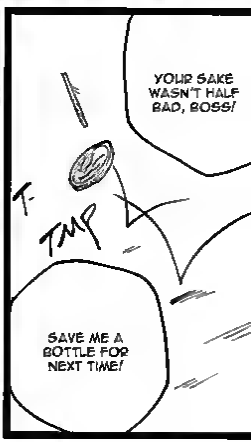
I HAVE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE!
A MURDER WAS COMMITTED LAST NIGHT, IN THE NEIGHBOURING VILLAGE TO THE NORTH!
HAM
HALF OF THE VICTIM'S BODY WAS FOUND IN A POOL OF BLOOD AND WE HAVE YET TO FIND THE OTHER HALF OF HIS BODY!
WE ASSUME THAT IT WAS AN ATTACK FROM A GHOST, SO BE VERY CAREFUL!
THE NEIGHBOURING VILLAGE? PAST THE BAMBOO FOREST?
WHAT? TO THE NORTH?
EVEN THOUGH I TOLD HIM TO WAIT... POOR KID!
YOU, THE NORTH GATE GUARDIAN, LET SOMEONE PASS THROUGH LAST NIGHT?
YES! ALTHOUGH I TRIED TO STOP HIM!
IT WAS A STRANGE BOY WITH AN ODD SWORD
HE WAS IN A HURRY AND TOOK OFF TOWARDS THE WOODS WITHOUT ANY FURTHER ADO!


HMM RUMOURS FROM THE CITY..
...A CHILD WITH A VALUABLE SWORD WITH NO BLADE, WHO SEEMS TO BE FLEEING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION FROM THE PALACE..

HEY, OLD MAN! ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT A BOY AROUND 10 YEARS OLD WEARING RED ARMOUR?
YES, THAT WOULD BE RIGHT


THIS IS GETTING INTERESTING IT MIGHT BE WORTH INVESTIGATING...

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE ME THE BEST GOSSIP!
HA! YOU INTEND TO GO NORTH TOO?!
OK! SEE YOU THEN!


YOUR SAKE WASN'T HALF BAD, BOSS!
TMP
SAVE ME A BOTTLE FOR NEXT TIME!

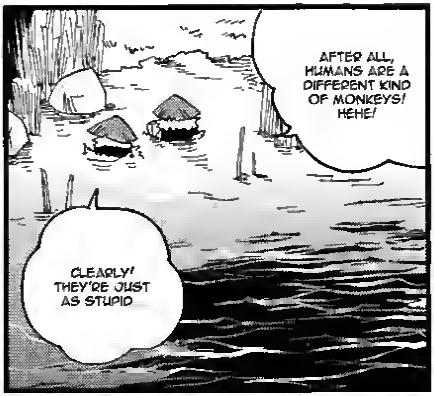
HE CALLS HIMSELF "THE LIBERTINE WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HIS TIME AND HIS MONEY"
HE COMES ONCE A YEAR...
AH, I SWEAR! YOUTHS THESE DAYS ARE SO FOOLISH!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHO WAS THAT YOUNG MAN? DOES HE OFTEN COME AROUND HERE?
OR EVEN SOME SORT OF ECCENTRIC HERMIT COMING FROM THE HEAVENS...
A CIVIL SERVANT? A LANDLORD? I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA...
COULD BE THAT HE'S THE GHOST OF A FOX...
...WOULD BE SO DARK AT NIGHT!
I HAD NO IDEA THESE WOODS...
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!
ARGH!

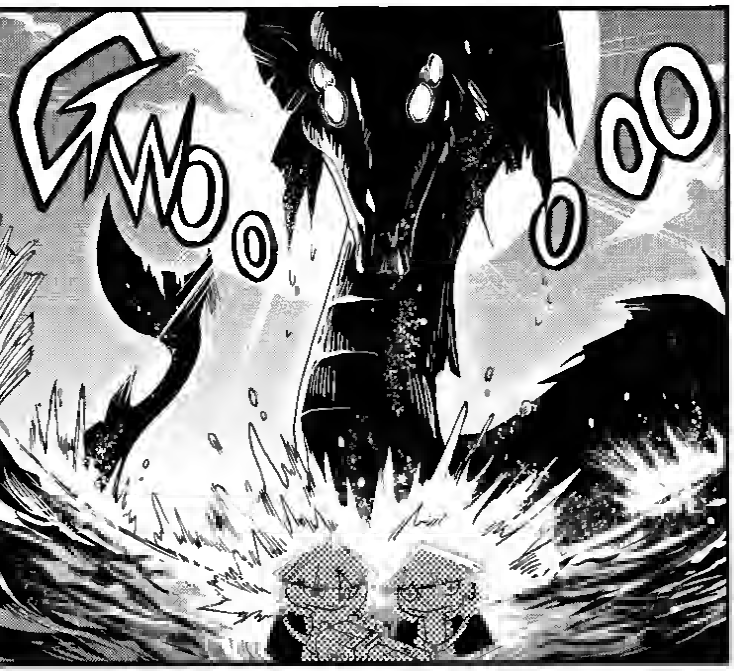
HE. HE
CAN YOU SEE WHAT'S AHEAD?
MANASHI, ARE YOU OK?
THANKFULLY, THE MOONLIGHT IS ENOUGH TO GUIDE ME
LET'S HURRY AND PASS THROUGH IT.
EITHER WAY, THERE'S ONLY ONE ROAD...
!?
SH
ZIP
D D D D

UWHAAA!
EEK!
HEE HEE! THAT'S WHAT I CALL HAVING A SLICK TONGUE!
NOT BEING SO CLEVER NOW, HUH?
DD DM
THE THIEVES FROM BACK THEN!
AH!

BUT
OH!
WHAAA!
YOU SHOULD THANK US, KID! THANKS TO US, YOU'LL HAVE LESS LUGGAGE TO CARRY AROUND!
YOU SMELL THAT? IT SMELLS LIKE METAL! IF YOU ASK ME, THERE MUST BE MONEY INSIDE, BRO!
I'LL CATCH UP WITH THEM!
MANASHI! STAY THERE AND WAIT FOR ME!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
THEY TOOK MY MONEY WITHOUT EVEN ASKING ME FIRST!
TMP
YES, SEEMS LIKE IT...
DID WE SHAKE HIM OFF?
WHAT DO YOU THINK, BROTHER?

ANYWAY, LET'S SEE WHAT OUR TREASURE IS...


AFTER ALL, HUMANS ARE A DIFFERENT KIND OF MONKEYS! HEHE!
CLEARLY! THEY'RE JUST AS STUPID


GWOOOO

AGAGAGA!
OOPS!
WHAA! AGYAAAAAH!
HUH? WHAT WAS THAT YELL?
THEY'RE NOT FAR OFF!
A
A
A
A
PROBABLY THOSE DAMN FROGS...

THUD
HMM?
WHAT IS THAT THING?
A LEG?
!!!

I have to run! I have to run!
IT'S YOU...
H...
HOW DID YOU KN...
...THE CRIMINAL WHO FREED THAT MONSTER!
YOU MUST PAY WITH YOUR LIFE!
FINALLY...
I FINALLY FOUND YOU...
SO YOU'RE THE FOOL WHO BROKE THE SACRED SWORD'S SEAL!

WH...?!
SHUT UP, YOU DAMN SNAKE! I'LL SHOW YOU THE TRUE POWER OF THAT KATANA!
HAHAHA! I'LL DEVOUR YOU! YOUR BLOOD, YOUR BONES, YOUR FLESH! NOTHING SHALL REMAIN!

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Oh?
A KAKEZERI ABANDONED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD? HOW STRANGE...
UHE?
WELL, MY YOUNG FRIEND...
COULD YOU TELL ME WHERE YOUR MASTER IS?
HE
HE-HE
I SEE, THANK YOU TOWARDS THE POND, THEN...

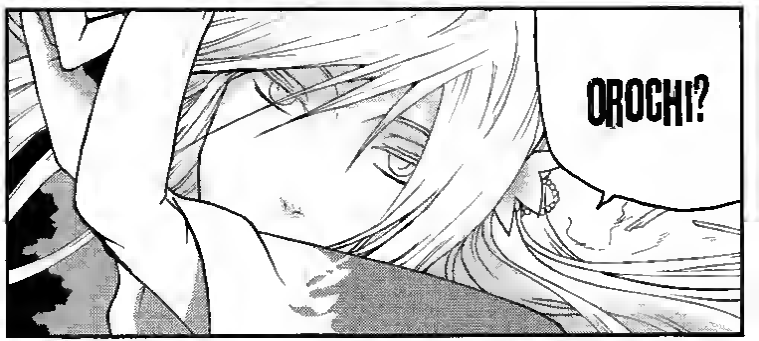
DON'T WORRY, I'LL FIND YOUR MASTER NOW SIT TIGHT AND WAIT QUIETLY FOR MY RETURN!
THANK YOU, MY YOUNG KAKEZERI!
UHE
D-D-D
DOW
ARGHHH...
IMPOS-SIBLE!
MHM

Hey, inferior demon, tell me where those two idiots from before went, so I can tie their tongues together!
Speak up!
Please don't tell me you're dead already, I barely grazed you!
GWAARGH!
BOY! YOU'RE MAKING MY EARS BLEED WITH ALL THAT PRATTLING!
I am not prepared to face such powers...
I must act... Quickly...

Hahaha!
I am no match...
WHY DID YOU INTERVENE? THEY WERE MY PREY!
DIE!

AAARGH!
SK
BUT YOU HAVE TO LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE!
PFF, DAMN SNAKE! I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO STUFF YOU UNDER ISKA'S APPEARANCE...
RRR
IT'S ABOUT TIME TO BEGIN MY MEAL!
THERE WON'T BE A SINGLE CRUMB OF YOU LEFT!
ALRIGHT, I'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO, BUT FIRST...
GHHH...
TAP

I'm very close...
But I think that I might have heard Orochi's voice...
TMP
Eating only the top half of a body and leaving the rest... That barbarous technique has always been his signature...
Hmm? That's odd...
!
...I can smell another inhuman?
It seems like...


OROCHI?

IT'S YOU...
TENMA...
Haaa...
GUHH...
GET LOST, TENMA! I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY WITH YOU!
YOU LOOK TERRIBLE! WHO COULD HAVE DONE SUCH THING TO YOU?
WELL, I'LL BE DARNED! I DIDN'T EXPECT TO STUMBLE UPON SUCH SIGHT!
I MUST WARN MY COMRADES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
THERE IS NO DOUBT ANYMORE... NUE IS BACK!
SSLITH
I MUST ACT QUICKLY...

NUE HAS RETURNED?!
WHAT?!
SOMEONE HAS REMOVED THE SWORD? SOMEONE HAS BROKEN HIS SEAL?
OROCHI! WAIT!
AND ONE OF EMPEROR SZAK'S SONS HAS BEEN ENSLAVED BY ITS POWER!
YES...
UGH...
NO! HE'S HERE!

I sense something else approaching...
...SOMETHING NOT HUMAN!

GRK
HEY!
You run before giving me enough time to eat the best part?
THAT'S NOT VERY POLITE, YOU KNOW?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING! YOU JUST HAVE TO STAY STILL!
IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE, RIGHT? YOU DAMN...

TENMA! IF YOU STAY THERE, HE'LL CRUSH YOU!
IT LOOKS AS IF AN ACTOR TOOK HIS FORM...
FASCINATING.
WE'RE FACING NUE!
GRAAAH! BE GOOD AND LET ME EAT YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL!
Nue...
Is it really him?
URGH... IF I CAN REACH THE RIVER, I STILL HAVE A CHANCE...
YOU'RE STARTING TO PISS ME OFF, YOU VILE REPTILE!
GRAAAH!

WHERE DO I START?
WITH YOUR JAW!
GG
G

I'LL BEAT YOU TO A PULP!
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN IGNORED LIKE THIS...
MY PRIDE HAS BEEN SEVERELY WOUNDED!
THAT PRETENTIOUS BRAT DESERVES TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON
WHAT...!
!!

GRRR!
GRAAH!
SHIT!
BRILLIANT! NOW THE OTHER ONE'S ALREADY RUNNING AWAY!
WHO DARED TO DO THAT TO ME?! WHO?
DOMS
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY BE NUE THEN!
WHO ARE YOU?
YOU CALLED ME - HUMAN?!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW I DEVOUR HUMANS LIKE YOU?

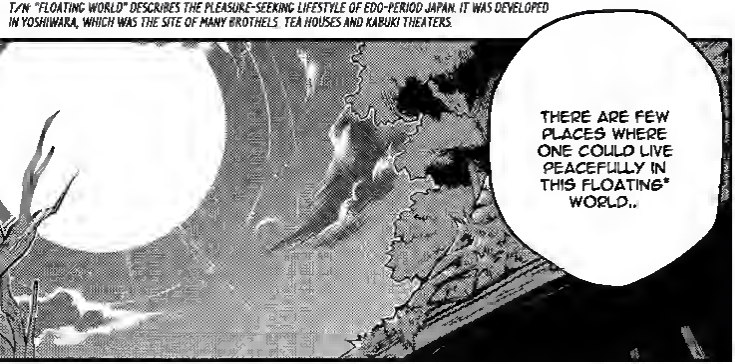
Woot?
YOU GOT A SCREW LOOSE OR SOMETHING?!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW THAT, IDIOT!
BLAD
I'M GONNA EAT YOU!
GRAAAH! THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU START ANNOY-ING ME!

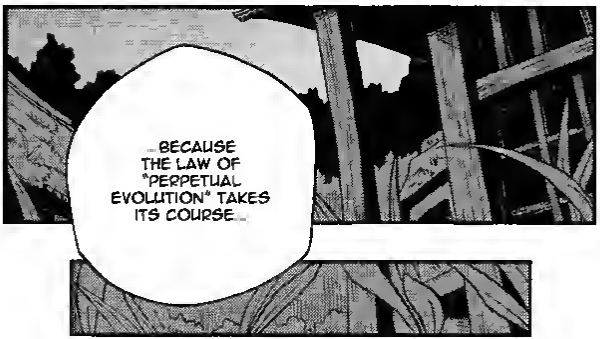
I DO NOT NEED TO LISTEN TO ANY MORE OF THIS.
SHUT UP!

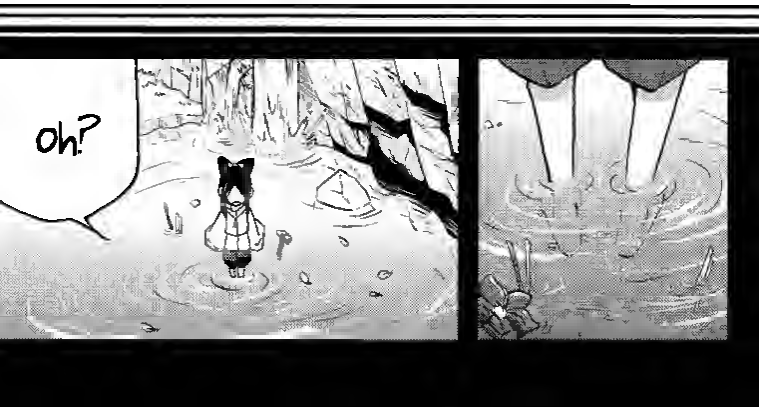
ANYWAY, HE HAS TO BE COMPLETELY NUTS TO DARE TO DO WHAT HE JUST DID!
AND YET HE DIDN'T EVEN GET A SINGLE SCRATCH...
IT'S TRULY INCREDIBLE...
He attacked his jaw! You have to be bloody possessed to take such a risk...
Unless...
...COULD DARE TO DEFY OROCHI LIKE THAT...
ONLY A SPECTRE...

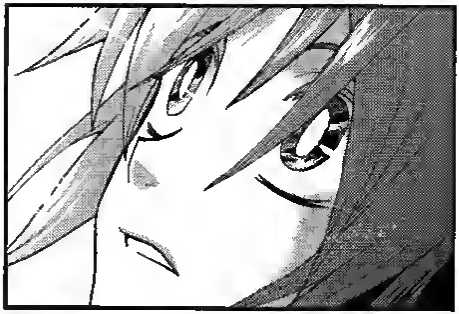
THE SWORD SEALING NUE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN BROKEN...
GRIM RUMOURS AFFIRM THAT THE EMPEROR'S SECOND SON HAS FLED AFTER MURDERING HIS OWN FATHER...
LET'S RECAP ...
IF THIS KID IS THE LINK BETWEEN ALL THOSE FACTS...
...AND THERE'S THAT IMPUDENT BRAT ATTACKING MONSTERS WHILE CLAIMING NOT TO KNOW WHO HE IS...
...THEN THAT'S ONE HELL OF A COINCIDENCE!
AH... THE IRONY OF FATE...

T/N: "FLOATING WORLD" DESCRIBES THE PLEASURE-SEEKING LIFESTYLE OF EDO-PERIOD JAPAN. IT WAS DEVELOPED IN YOSHIWARA, WHICH WAS THE SITE OF MANY BROTHELS, TEA HOUSES AND KABUKI THEATERS.







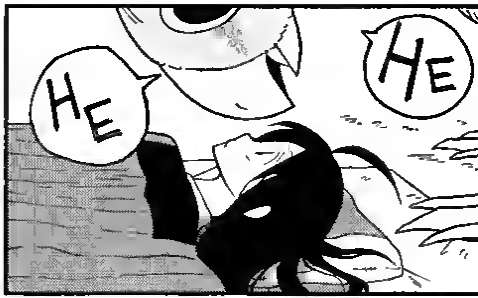


WAIT... WHAT AM I DOING HERE?!

Ahh!

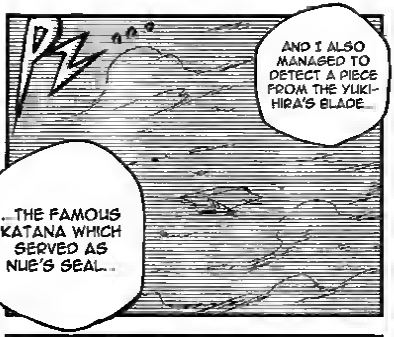
GOOD GRIEF! WHO WAS THAT?

EXCUSE ME! COULD YOU TELL ME WHERE...
UM, EXCUSE ME!
WITH HIS HOUSEWIFELY HEAD, I WONDER WHAT HE WANTED!

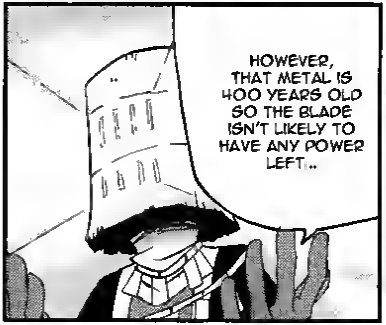


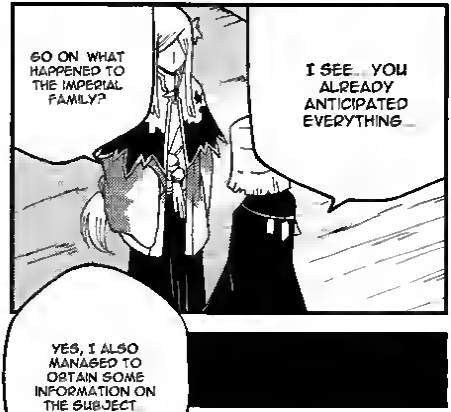
T/N: A TATAMI IS A TYPE OF MAT USED AS A FLOORING MATERIAL IN TRADITIONAL JAPANESE STYLE ROOMS.

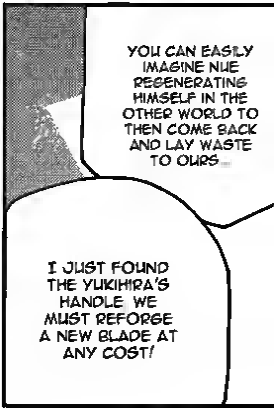
In the intermediary city of Takenoi, at the entrance to the Drifting Clouds Inn
THANK YOU SUZUMI FOR TAKING THIS LONG TRIP JUST FOR ME...
IT'S MY PLEASURE!
IT'S A GREAT HONOUR FOR ME TO SERVE A BEING AS IMPORTANT AS YOURSELF, TENMA!
ALRIGHT.
I MANAGED TO COME IN PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH A GUARDIAN FROM THE PALACE, AS YOU ASKED ME...


AND I ALSO MANAGED TO DETECT A PIECE FROM THE YUKI-HIRA'S BLADE...
...THE FAMOUS KATANA WHICH SERVED AS NUE'S SEAL...

I'M SORRY TO TELL YOU THAT THE RUMOURS CONCERNING NUE'S RETURN WERE CONFIRMED...
LOOK AT THOSE IMAGES! THE ANCIENT JAIL WITHIN THE PALACE HAS BEEN DEVASTATED...


HOWEVER, THAT METAL IS 400 YEARS OLD SO THE BLADE ISN'T LIKELY TO HAVE ANY POWER LEFT...


I SEE... YOU ALREADY ANTICIPATED EVERYTHING...
GO ON. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE IMPERIAL FAMILY?
YES, I ALSO MANAGED TO OBTAIN SOME INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT...


YOU CAN EASILY IMAGINE NUE REGENERATING HIMSELF IN THE OTHER WORLD TO THEN COME BACK AND LAY WASTE TO OURS...
I JUST FOUND THE YUKIHIRA'S HANDLE. WE MUST REFORGE A NEW BLADE AT ANY COST!

THE 31ST EMPEROR SZAK GIOH'S BODY HAS YET TO BE FOUND.
THE PALACE IS NOW PROTECTED BY AN ANTI-SPECTRAL BARRIER
THAT IS WHY IT WAS SO HARD TO GET PRECISE DETAILS
IT'S QUITE COMPLICATED TO LEARN MORE...
AND SINCE FREEDOM OF SPEECH HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED WITHIN THE PALACE...
OH, YES! I NOTICED THAT THE FUTURE 33ND EMPEROR WAS STILL INSIDE THE PALACE
ALTHOUGH I ALSO NOTICED, FOR SOME REASON...
HE LOST HIS RIGHT ARM!

I IMAGINE THAT HE WAS ATTACKED BY NUE...
EXACTLY. HE ONLY HAS ONE ARM.
HIS RIGHT ARM HAS DISAP-PEARED?
...AND THAT EMPEROR SZAK WAS ASSASSI-NATED...
STOMP
NOW, I ONLY NEED TO...
NO, NO, IT'S VERY GOOD
AND THAT'S PRETTY MUCH ALL I CAN TELL YOU FOR THE TIME BEING. FORGIVE MY INEFFICIENCY...
...INTERROGATE THE PERSON IN QUESTION...
YOUR KINDNESS IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO SATISFY MY APPETITE!
HEY, WAIT! WHAT ABOUT YOUR BREAK-FAST?!?
GULP

YES BUT A BREAKFAST IS VERY IMPORTANT!
THANK YOU BUT I'M NOT HUNGRY...
MISS, I'M IN A HURRY AND...
KANAE IS RIGHT! YOU ALWAYS BEGIN THE DAY BY EATING YOUR BREAKFAST...
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, PRINCE ISKA?

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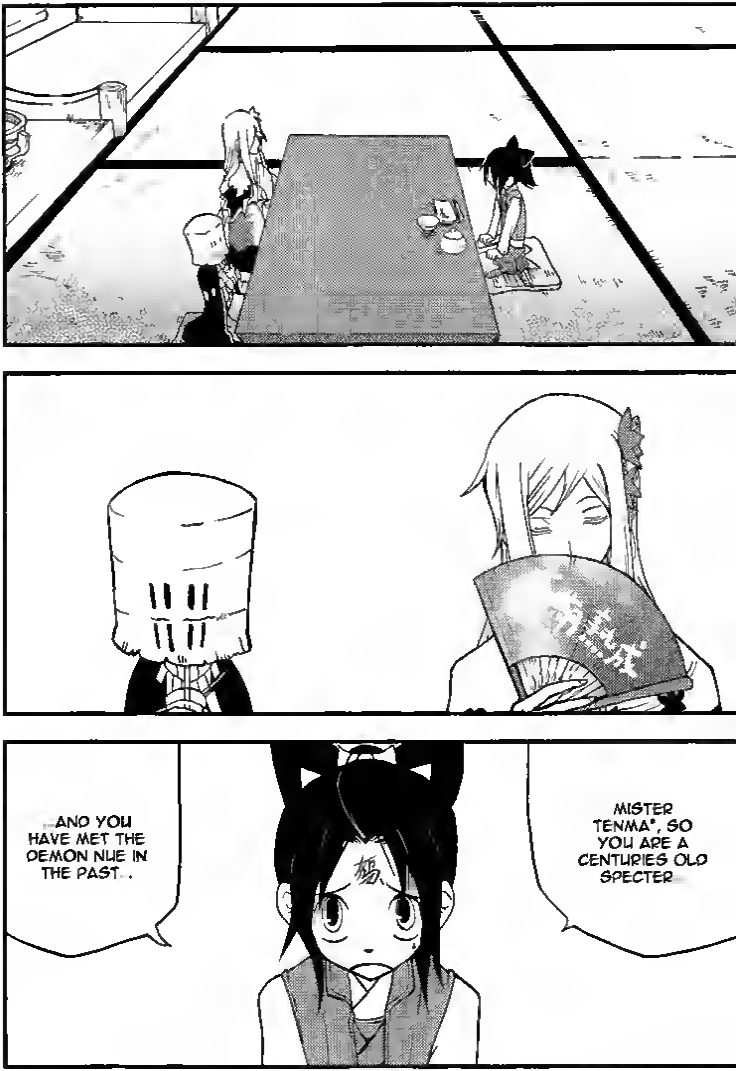
Chapter 3: A prince from the south... (Part 3)

EMPEROR SZAK SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY DEMONS FROM THE GEHOH CLAN! RUMOURS ABOUND THAT THE SECOND PRINCE IS ALSO DEAD!
SPECIAL EDITION!
SPECIAL EDITION!
KANAE! WE'RE ABOUT TO LEAVE!
WOW, WHAT A STORY!
IS IT REALLY TRUE? OR IS IT JUST A NEFARIOUS COUP?
TO FIND OUT MORE, BUY OUR ISSUE!
YES, I'M COMING!
Not far from there, in the Inn of the Drifting Clouds..



*T/N: KAGAMI IS A PSEUDONYM USED BY TENMA WHEN HE IS AMONGST HUMANS.

INVESTI-GATING INSIDE CITIES...
SUZUMI, SINCE YOU ARE AN INFORMANT
YES, ANYWAY, IN SHORT
FRIEND IS A BIG WORD! I DO NOT HAVE THE IMPUDENCE TO CONSIDER LORD TENMA AS A FRIEND...
AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR FRIEND, SUZUMI?
PRETTY MUCH, YES.
ITS COLOURS ARE SLIGHTLY DRABBER, WHICH IS WHY I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE IT AT FIRST!
AND YOU KNOW OF THIS KATANA'S EXISTENCE...
...YOU IMMEDIA-TELY TOLD MISTER TENMA WHO I WAS... AM I CORRECT?
...FATHER WOULD ALWAYS SAY THAT I HAD TO BE WARY OF SPECTERS. THEY CAN TAKE TERRIFYING FORMS...
YOU KNOW, IT WAS MY FIRST TIME IN THE CITY AND...

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU DON'T TRUST ME?
IS THAT IT?
I'M SORRY BUT THERE'S SO MUCH GOING ON AROUND ME THAT I NO LONGER KNOW WHERE I AM...
YES...
BUT SINCE I LIKE YOU, I'M WILLING TO SHOW YOU MY TRUE FACE...
EXCUSE ME?
YOU KNOW, KID, THE HIDEOUS FACE TREND FOR SPECTERS IS OLD FASHION NOW...
NAP

GRRR
WHOA ARRAA RRAAAA!!!
YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL?
I've grown past the age for old gags, personally...
KRE
IS IT OVER YET?!?!
We have technical problems One moment, please.

NO, NO! I... I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT! IT'S PERFECT LIKE THAT!
IF YOU WANT MORE PROOF, I CAN ALSO REMOVE MY HELMET!
IF I UNDERSTOOD CORRECTLY, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROKE THE SEAL WHICH KEPT NUE PRISONER.
YES.
ALRIGHT!
NOW THAT YOU KNOW OUR IDENTITY, LET'S TALK SERIOUSLY.
400 YEARS AGO, THE DEMON NUE CAME UNDER A CRIMSON SKY FROM THE INLAND SEA...
HE DECIDED THAT HE WOULD DEVOUR EVERY LIVING BEING CROSSING HIS PATH, WITH NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN HUMANS, SPECTERS OR ANIMALS...

SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND PRETTY WELL WHY HIS RETURN IS CAUSING ALL SPECTERS IN THE VICINITY TO COWER IN FEAR
AND I AM NO EXCEPTION...
HE PROCLAIMED HIMSELF AS THE GOD OF ALL SPECTERS BUT THE REALITY IS QUITE DIFFERENT...
HE'S JUST AN INDISCRIMINATE MURDERER, ALMOST INVINCIBLE...
WHAT'S DONE IS DONE.
HOWEVER...
...LET ME HAVE UNTIL NOW. FOR 400 YEARS, I HAVE LIVED PEACEFULLY AND I'M WILLING TO REPAY YOUR FAMILY BY HELPING YOU A BIT.
...AND I AM INDEBTED TO YOUR FAMILY FOR THE PEACEFUL LIFE THEY.

LUCKILY, I HAVE BOTH AT MY DISPOSAL...
SO I HAVE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE TWO ELEMENTS. DON'T YOU THINK?
TO FIGHT AGAINST NUE, MEN AND SPECTERS HAVE FORGED TOGETHER A KATANA, THE "YUKIHIRA"
THE ONLY CONDITION TO USE IT IS TO BE OF IMPERIAL BLOOD...
THE YUKIHIRA...
IS A POWERFUL WEAPON TO WHICH, YOU, THE GIOH, ARE TRAINED TO USE!
IT WAS FORGED FOR YOUR FAMILY AND IS COMPLETELY DEVOTED TO YOU!

BUT YOU...
SON OF GIOH, YOU ARE EVEN MORE DEVOTED TO ME THAN THIS KATANA IS TO YOU!
I THANK YOU FOR WEARING MY BRAND INSIDE YOU!
NOT ONLY IS THE BLOOD OF SZAK FLOWING THROUGH YOUR VEINS BUT YOU ARE NOW ALSO MY HARBINGER

ISKA! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DID THIS!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROKE THE SEAL?!
I DION'T KNOW THAT...
...I WOULD ALSO CAUSE HARM TO THE SPECTERS IN THE PROVINCE...
I...
I MUST FACE THE CONSE-QUENCE OF MY ACTIONS ALONE...
I... I AM SORRY...
I MUST SOLELY BEAR THE RESPON-SIBILITY OF MY ACTIONS

ARE YOU STUPID?
OR ARE YOU JUST PRETENDING TO BE?
I'M STUPID...
YOU'RE SORRY? YOU WANT TO BEAR ALL RESPONSIBILITY?
IF THE WORLD COULD CURE ITSELF WITH SWEET WORDS AND SUDDEN REPENTANCE, EVERYTHING WOULD BE SO MUCH EASIER!
ALL YOU KNOW IS THAT YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE NORTH PORT TO REPAIR YOUR SWORD...
I'VE NOTICED THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT 400-YEARS OLD STORY...
YOU HAVE NO BODYGUARD, NO MAP, NOR ANY SENSE OF DIRECTION AND YOU STROLL AROUND ON THE BACK OF A PET!
Stupid as you are, I'm not surprised at all that Nue fooled you so easily!
Oh great, he's whining now...

IF YOUR PLAN WAS TO HAVE NO PLAN, I CAN RESPECT THAT YOU CAN CONTINUE ON YOUR WAY...
A CLAN FROM A RADICAL BRANCH OF SPECTRES THEY ARE EXTREMELY HOSTILE TO NUE BUT ALSO TO HUMANS...
IF THEY KNOW THAT NUE IS BACK, THEN I DOUBT THEY WILL LEAVE YOU ALO...
HOWEVER, IF OROCHI IS MIXED UP IN ALL THIS, THE SEHOH CLAN CERTAINLY WON'T STAY QUIET
THE SEHOH CLAN?

Huh?
WATCH OUT, THE SWORD!!!
Hwoo
Hwoo

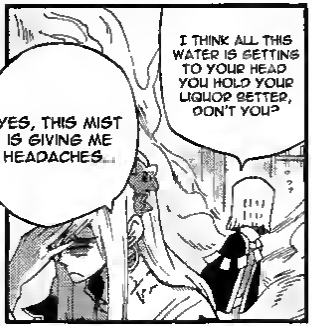
WHAT THE...?!
Mist?!
HEHEHE! THE SAYING WAS TRUE! WHEN YOU SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...
MY SENSES ARE ON ALERT! I SENSE THE PRESENCE OF A GARDEN RAINMAKER SPECTER!
ISKA! RUN TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE HOUSE!
THAT MIST IS MADE FROM PURE WATER. DO NOT USE YOUR LIGHTNING POWERS!
YES, I KNOW!
YE... YES!

What is happening now?
It's getting crazy!

STOP!
YOUNG GIOH...

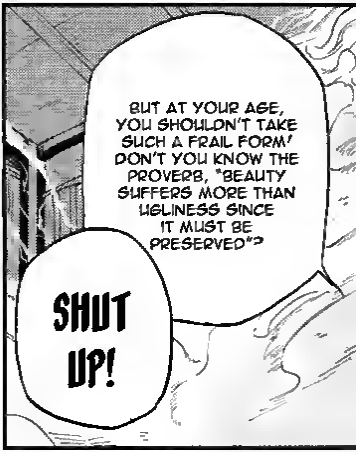
SPLASH
QUIETLY HAND OVER THE SWORD!
SSSS
WHAAA!
THIS IS NO TOY FOR CHILDREN...
Gehoh!
ONLY MEMBERS OF THE GIOH FAMILY CAN USE IT!
MY NAME IS GABI, I AM A RAINMAKER SPECTER FROM THE GEHOH CLAN. I WILL NOT HARM YOU IF YOU GIVE ME THAT SWORD

KREEK


I THINK ALL THIS WATER IS GETTING TO YOUR HEAD! YOU HOLD YOUR LIQUOR BETTER, DON'T YOU?
YES, THIS MIST IS GIVING ME HEADACHES...

WATCH OUT, LORD TENMA! YOU'RE HEADING STRAIGHT INTO A WALL NOW!
GONG
AAARGH!

I NO LONGER FEEL ANY PRESENCE WITHIN THE GARDEN!
LET'S FIND ISKA, QUICKLY!


BUT AT YOUR AGE, YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE SUCH A FRAIL FORM! DON'T YOU KNOW THE PROVERB, "BEAUTY SUFFERS MORE THAN UGLINESS SINCE IT MUST BE PRESERVED"?
SHUT UP!

OROCHI?
...BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME PROOF!
OROCHI SAID THAT NUE HAD TAKEN POSSESSION OF YOUR BODY...
I HATE HAVING TO EXTERMINATE CHILDREN. SO, HAND ME THE YUKIHIRA!
THAT BEING SAID, I WILL NOT HARM YOU IF YOU COMPLY!
NOW!

NO WAY!
GRIP
YOU'RE REALLY STUBBORN!
BUT IF YOU WANT TO LEAVE THIS WORLD THAT MUCH...
I'M SORRY!
RIP

I'll get swallowed up!!!
I won't make it!!!
WHAAH!

AAARGH!
!?

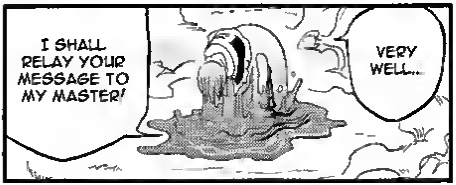
Tenma!
TENMA?
LORD TENMA, YOU LIVE UP TO YOUR NAME! NOW, THAT'S WHAT I CALL AN IN-EXTREMIS RESCUE!
THE GEHOH CLAN IS QUICK TO GET ON THEIR HIGH WATERS!
YOU ARE... FROM THE TENMA CLAN? THAT'S STRANGE! HERE I WAS THINKING THAT YOUR RACE WERE SUPPOSED TO ALWAYS REMAIN NEUTRAL DURING CONFLICTS.
WHY DO YOU DEFEND THIS HUMAN? DO YOU NOT KNOW OF THE CRIME HE IS BEING ACCUSED OF?

I AM NOT THE TYPE TO PICK SIDES
DO NOT MISUNDER-STAND
IF I AM HERE RIGHT NOW, IT IS ONLY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GIOH BLOOD AND OF THE YUKIHIRA!
AND WE HAVE OUR REASONS TO WANT TO ELIMINATE NUE WITH OUR OWN HANDS!
AND FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, THE SWORD IS CRUCIAL TO US!
YOU, GEHOH RAINMAKER!
GO BACK HOME AND TELL YOUR LEADER...
WE NEED IT...

GRRR..
I DARE HIM TO APPROACH ME!
..THAT I'M THE ONE PULLING THE STRINGS!

A MEMBER OF THE TENMA CLAN ACCOMPANYING THE YOUNG SIOH...

AS IF I EXPECTED TO COME UPON SUCH A SCENE!


I SHALL RELAY YOUR MESSAGE TO MY MASTER!
VERY WELL...

Hwoo°...

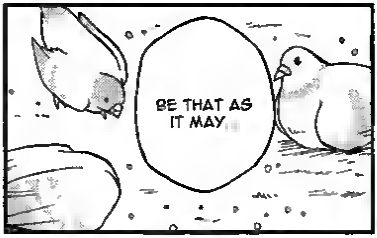
POF

TEN... TENMA!

UHH .. YOU LOST YOUR MAKEUP AND PART OF YOUR FACE!
YOU COULD AT LEAST THANK ME, YOU INGRATE!
TENMA! I'VE DECIDED! I'M WILLING TO DO WHATEVER YOU'LL TELL ME TO DO!
PLEASE!
TCH! A LITTLE ATTACK BARELY REPELLED AND YOU SUDDENLY CHANGE YOUR MIND! GABI WAS RIGHT, YOU'RE PRETTY SHALLOW...
HMM... BEING OPPORTUNIST HAS ITS ADVANTAGES...
Great, he's whining again...

Tenma usually has a habit of speaking for others and only listening to himself...
YE . YES ..

YOU HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO USE WHATEVER COMES YOUR WAY. UNITING YOURSELF TO MAKE A BETTER WHOLE!
THAT COMPLICITY WILL ALLOW US TO BETTER TALK TO EACH OTHER AND TO BETTER UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER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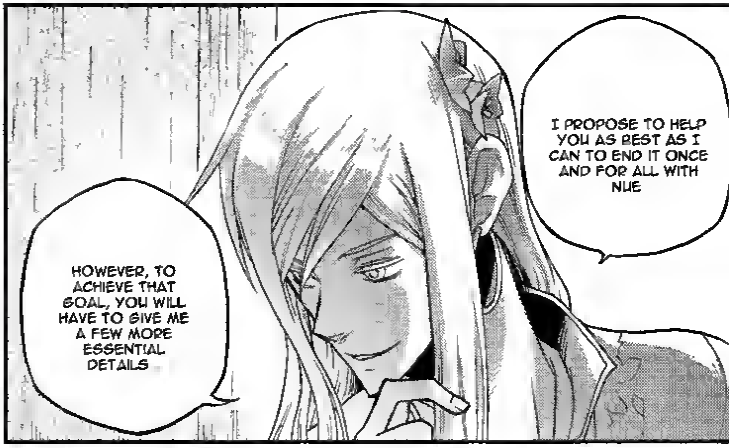
I PROPOSE TO HELP YOU AS BEST AS I CAN TO END IT ONCE AND FOR ALL WITH NUE
HOWEVER, TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL, YOU WILL HAVE TO GIVE ME A FEW MORE ESSENTIAL DETAILS

FIRST, EXPLAIN ME IN DETAIL HOW YOU MANAGED TO FREE THAT DEMON!
AND THEN, WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY...
TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW OF THAT "THING" INSIDE YOU!
ALRIGHT...

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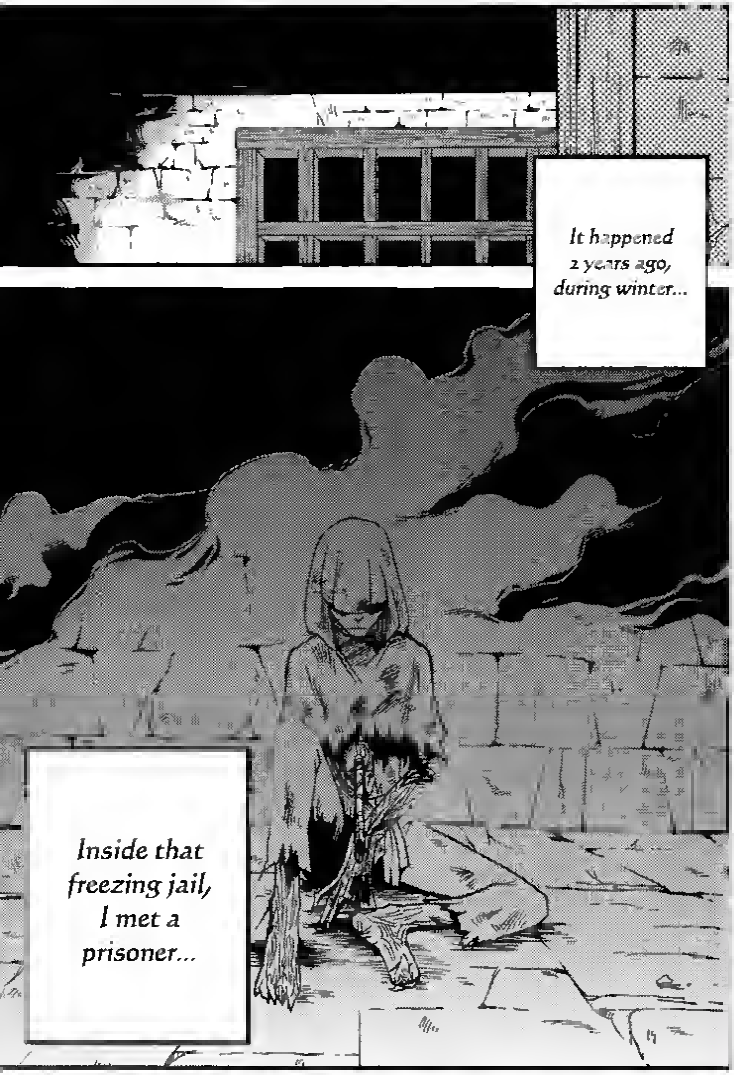
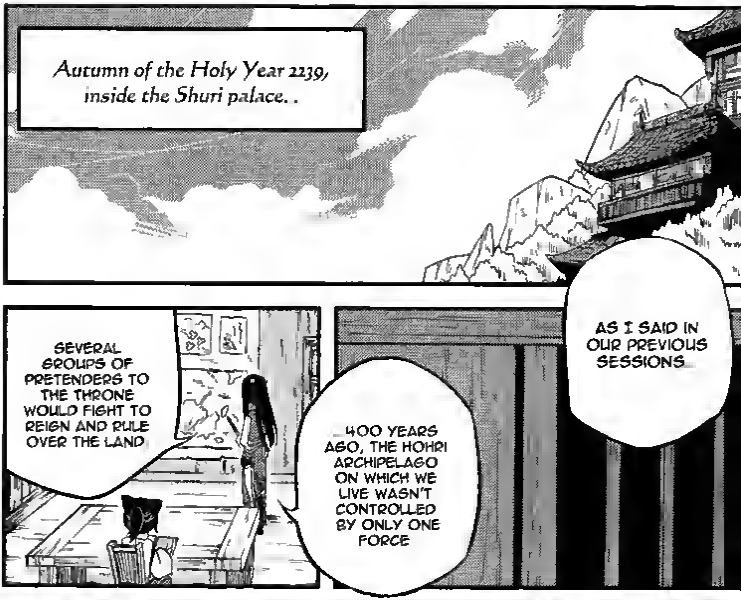
Chapter 4: The Old Dungeon's Calling

NO ONE ELSE HAS THE RIGHT TO ENTER THE OLD DUNGEON!
WHERE ARE YOU?
...HER... ANY...
HEY... IS... IS THERE ANYONE HERE?
THAT'S WEIRD! I REALLY THOUGHT I HEARD A VOICE COMING FROM THE BASEMENT...
Brrr! I hate ghosts! I'd better go back upstairs...
Bah, must have been my imagination.
I WAS SURE SOMEONE WAS CALLING ME...

A familiar voice... saying "Is it the son of Gioh who is coming here?"
KREEE...
Hmm... The voice sounded exactly like that of my father! That might be why I was not afraid to go so deep inside this old, dark and damp dungeon...

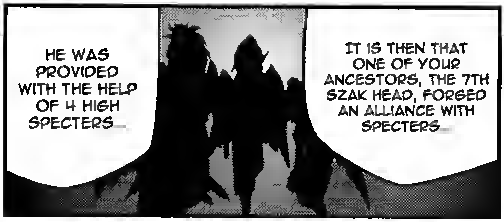

It happened 2 years ago, during winter...
Inside that freezing jail, I met a prisoner...


Autumn of the Holy Year 2239, inside the Shuri palace..
AS I SAID IN OUR PREVIOUS SESSIONS
400 YEARS AGO, THE HOHRI ARCHIPELAGO ON WHICH WE LIVE WASN'T CONTROLLED BY ONLY ONE FORCE
SEVERAL GROUPS OF PRETENDERS TO THE THRONE WOULD FIGHT TO REIGN AND RULE OVER THE LAND

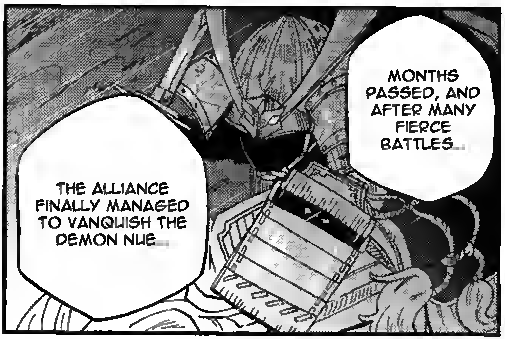
THAT ERA OF GREAT WARS WOULD LATER BE CALLED THE "SHOSHO ERA".
Szak Family Tutor
Renjaku Kikyo

ALTHOUGH THE ARCHIPELAGO IS NOW A TERRITORY CONTROLLED BY THE SZAK DYNASTY...
THEY WERE NOT THAT POWERFUL IN THE PAST. THEY ALSO WENT TO COMBAT.
HOWEVER, ON THE YEAR 1836...
...NUE'S ARRIVAL DEFINITELY BROKE THAT BALANCE...
ISKA? DID YOU STUDY YOUR LESSON ON NUE?
UHH, HE'S A SWEET SPECTER WHO UHH...
NO, SORRY! HE'S THE ONE WHO ABOLISHED SLAVERY!
FACED WITH SUCH IGNORANCE, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I SHOULD LAUGH OR CRY...
TRUTH BE TOLD, WE, HUMANS, DO NOT POSSESS THE RESOURCES TO KNOW WHO NUE REALLY IS

ALL WE CAN SAY...
IS THAT THE ARCHIVES SPEAK ONLY OF MISFORTUNE AND DISASTERS WHEN MENTIONING HIS NAME

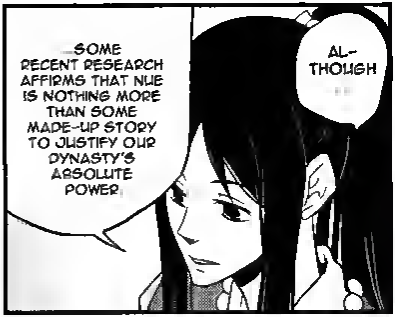

HE WAS PROVIDED WITH THE HELP OF 4 HIGH SPECTERS...
IT IS THEN THAT ONE OF YOUR ANCESTORS, THE 7TH SZAK HEAD, FORGED AN ALLIANCE WITH SPECTERS...

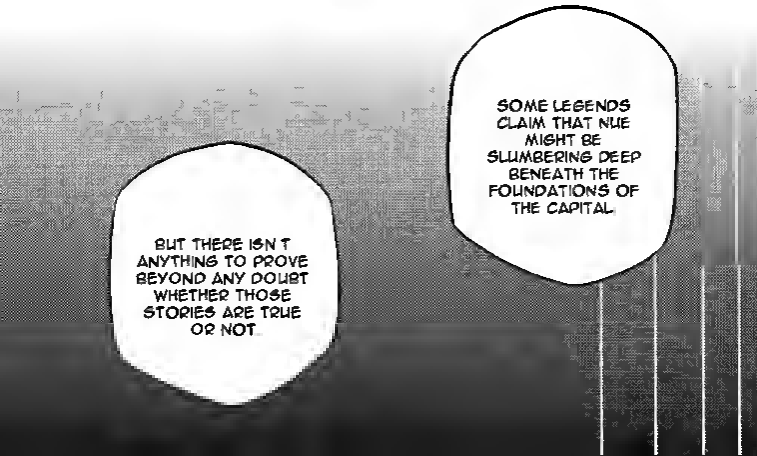
HIS POWERS WERE SO DESTRUCTIVE THAT...
..THEY FORCED HUMANS AND SPECTERS TO MAKE PEACE..


MONTHS PASSED, AND AFTER MANY FIERCE BATTLES...
THE ALLIANCE FINALLY MANAGED TO VANQUISH THE DEMON NUE...

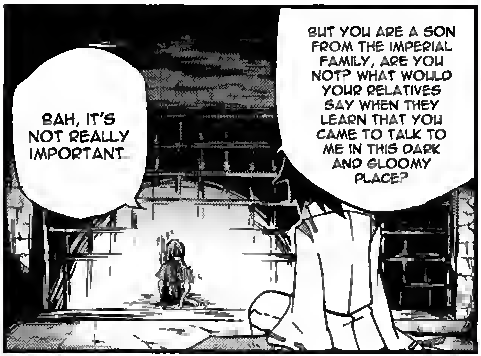
WHEN IT HAD NOTHING LEFT TO FIGHT HIM WITH...
THANKS TO THEIR HELP, THE SZAK FAMILY, OF THE BIOH CLAN, GAINED THE FAVOUR OF EVERY LAND. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO WERE PUT ON THE THRONE.

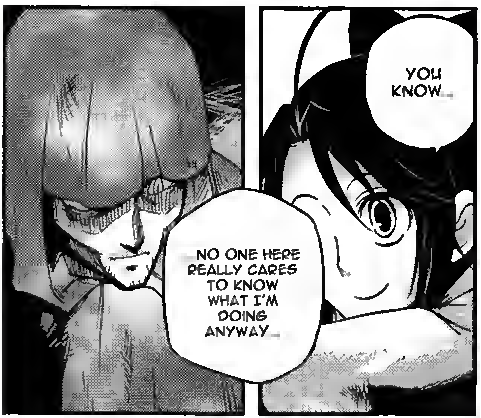
THEY CLAIM NUE NEVER EXISTED?
LET'S JUST SAY THAT NO ONE CAN PROVE HIS CRIMES. THERE ARE VERY FEW ARCHIVES LEFT FROM THAT ERA...

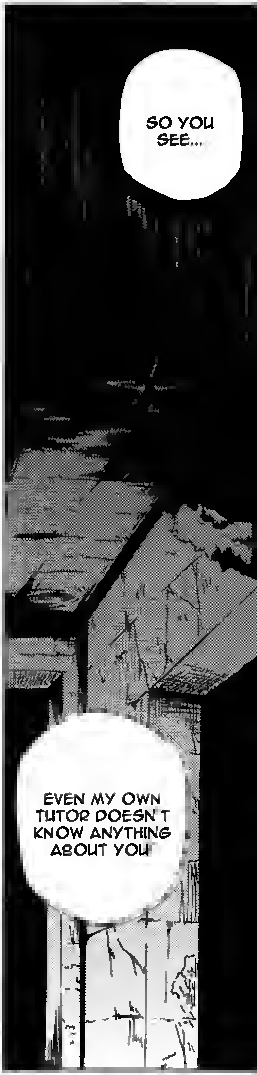

AL-THOUGH
...SOME RECENT RESEARCH AFFIRMS THAT NUE IS NOTHING MORE THAN SOME MADE-UP STORY TO JUSTIFY OUR DYNASTY'S ABSOLUTE POWER.


SOME LEGENDS CLAIM THAT NUE MIGHT BE SLUMBERING DEEP BENEATH THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE CAPITAL.
BUT THERE ISN'T ANYTHING TO PROVE BEYOND ANY DOUBT WHETHER THOSE STORIES ARE TRUE OR NOT.

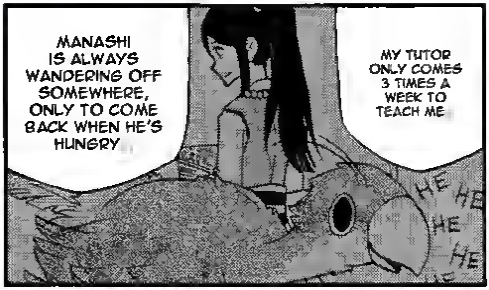
AND I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN TALK TO THE FAMOUS NUE!
NOBODY SEEMS TO BE AWARE OF YOUR EXISTENCE


BAH, IT'S NOT REALLY IMPORTANT...
BUT YOU ARE A SON FROM THE IMPERIAL FAMILY, ARE YOU NOT? WHAT WOULD YOUR RELATIVES SAY WHEN THEY LEARN THAT YOU CAME TO TALK TO ME IN THIS DARK AND GLOOMY PLACE?


...NO ONE HERE REALLY CARES TO KNOW WHAT I'M DOING ANYWAY...
YOU KNOW...


SO YOU SEE...
EVEN MY OWN TUTOR DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOU!

ARE THE STORIES ABOUT YOU TRUE? IS IT TRUE THAT YOU USED TO HOLD AN ENDLESS HATRED AGAINST US IN THE PAST?
TELL ME...
I CANNOT REMEMBER...
AND I NO LONGER CARE ABOUT THE PAST...
IN THE PAST?
THE PAST IS LIKE A THICK MIST TO ME...
I SEE...
THERE ARE MANY OF YOU LIVING INSIDE THE PALACE, AREN'T THERE?
WHAT ABOUT YOU? DON'T YOU HAVE ANYONE TO TALK TO?
AFTER ALL, I HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO...
AND IT ALREADY MEANS SO MUCH TO ME!


MANASHI IS ALWAYS WANDERING OFF SOMEWHERE, ONLY TO COME BACK WHEN HE'S HUNGRY
MY TUTOR ONLY COMES 3 TIMES A WEEK TO TEACH ME
HE HE HE HE

MY BROTHER IS BUSY WITH HIS WORK...

AS FOR MY FATHER...
...HE NEVER LOVED ME...

ANYWAY, WE'LL TALK ABOUT THIS ANOTHER TIME

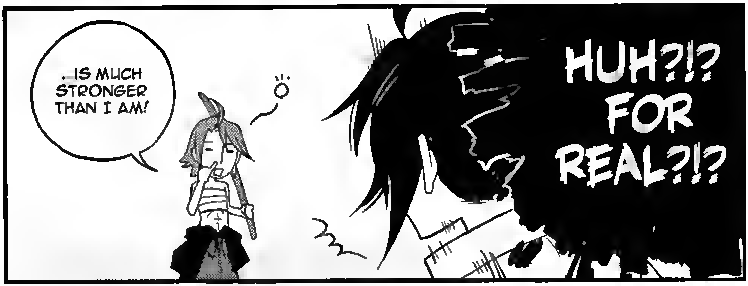
BUT HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE MY RELATIVES ALL SEEM NOT TO LIKE ME TOO MUCH...
YES, I WAS NEVER LOVED, JUST LIKE YOU..

NEVER LOVED...
...YOU?

End of summer, year 2240
ISKA!
YOU SKIPPED YOUR PRACTICAL TRAINING AGAIN?
LAST TIME WAS ALREADY TOO MUCH!
YOU REALLY DON'T PUT ENOUGH HEART INTO IT! BAH, YOU JUST FAIL AT EVERYTHING YOU TRY ANYWAY
The crown prince, the 32nd king-to-be of the Szak Gioh family
WHAAA!

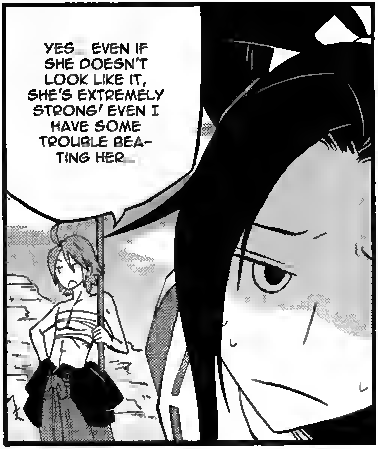
...TO NEGLECT EVERYTHING ELSE!
YOU KNOW, KIKYO, YOUR MODEL..

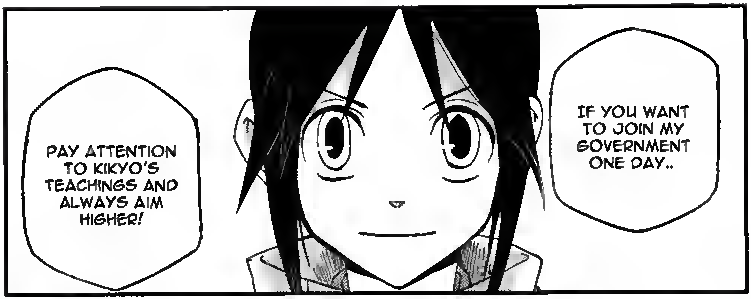
WANTING TO BECOME A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IS NO EXCUSE...
SO.. SORRY..


..IS MUCH STRONGER THAN I AM!
HUH?!? FOR REAL?!?

THAT STRONG?
YES! YOU SEE, ISKA...

...THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE STRONGER THAN YOU OUT THERE!


YES... EVEN IF SHE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT, SHE'S EXTREMELY STRONG! EVEN I HAVE SOME TROUBLE BEATING HER...


IF YOU WANT TO JOIN MY GOVERNMENT ONE DAY..
PAY ATTENTION TO KIKYO'S TEACHINGS AND ALWAYS AIM HIGHER!

GOOD, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY.
GO GET YOUR SWORD AND STORE IT IN THE DUNGEON.

ALRIGHT!

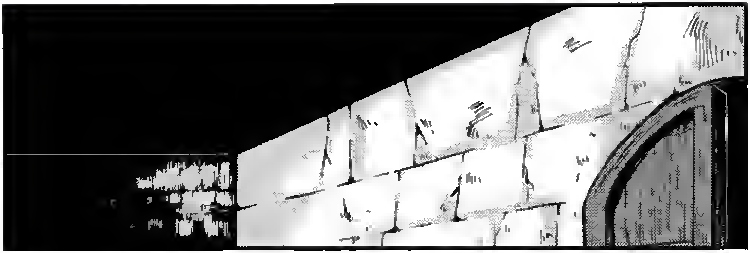
I would also love to hear people say that I'm really strong!
♪~

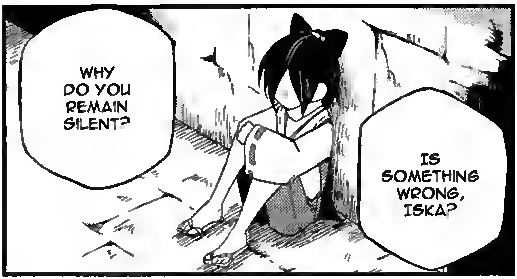
He's really strong. Making my sword fly so far with just his left arm!

ABSOLUTELY NOT!
THERE HE IS!
Ah!
PLEASE RECONSIDER SINCE I AM HIS ONLY TEACHER, I WILL SOON RUN OUT OF THINGS TO TEACH HIM.
FATHER?
YOUR MAJESTY...

I UNDERSTAND THE SORROW YOU WILL FEEL BY SENDING HIM ABROAD BUT HE IS 14 YEARS OLD AND...
ENOUGH!
ABOVE ALL ELSE, ISKA WANTS TO BECOME A GREAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL...
AND FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, HE WILL NEED TO TRAVEL TO LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENT REGIONS OF OUR TERRITORY
HE'S JUST AN IDIOT!
A MORON WHO WILL NEVER ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!
ME, SAD TO SEE HIM LEAVE? NONSENSE!
ME! HAVING SUCH FEELINGS? ABSURD!
SO LISTEN CARE-FULLY...
...THERE IS NO WAY THAT I WILL EVER LET HIM LEAVE THE CAPITAL! HE'S A DISGRACE TO OUR FAMILY!
KATF
KATF

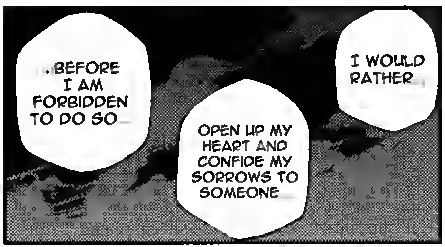
I WANT TO HAVE SOMEONE ALWAYS KEEPING AN EYE ON HIM AND WHAT HE DOES! I WANT SOMEONE TO KEEP WATCH ON HIM AND TO NOT LET HIM OUT OF THEIR SIGHT!
HE MUST NOT LEAVE FROM HERE! AS IF HE WAS A PRISONER!

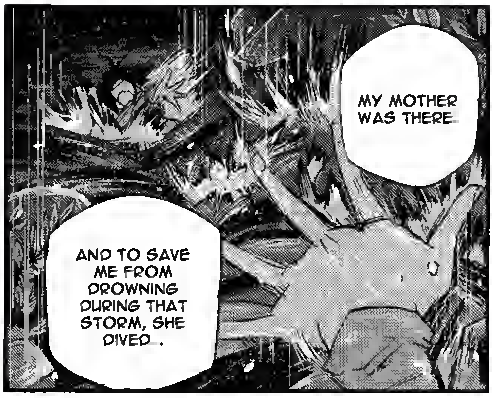



WHY DO YOU REMAIN SILENT?
IS SOMETHING WRONG, ISKA?

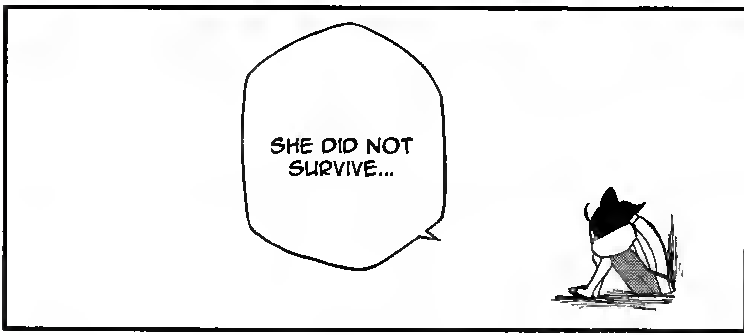
ISKA...

ISKA...
NUE...


...BEFORE I AM FORBIDDEN TO DO SO...
I WOULD RATHER...
OPEN UP MY HEART AND CONFIDE MY SORROWS TO SOMEONE...

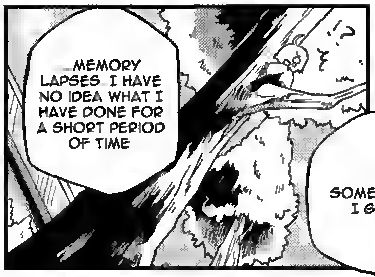

MY MOTHER WAS THERE...
AND TO SAVE ME FROM DROWNING DURING THAT STORM, SHE DIVED...

WHEN I WAS 7 YEARS OLD...
I FELL INTO THE ASUKA RIVER NEAR THE SHURI PALACE...

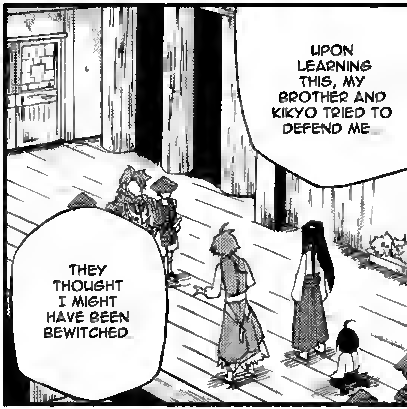

SHE DID NOT SURVIVE...

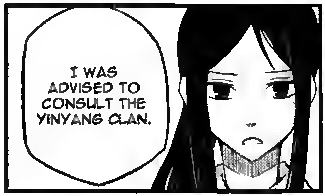
...DESPITE THE TERRIBLE STORM...
I'M UNABLE TO REMEMBER WHY I WENT OUTSIDE ON THAT DAY...
AND I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER IT!

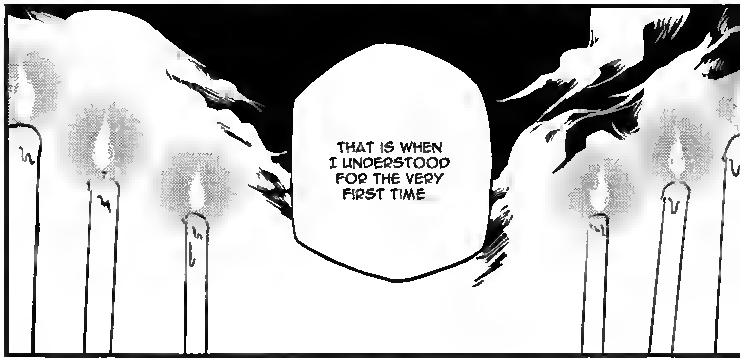
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY PEOPLE TRIED TO SAVE YOU?
EIGHT! GUARDS AND CITIZENS!
IDIOT!
YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING?
HOW FAR WILL YOU GO TO MAKE ME DESPAIR?
NOT TO MENTION YOUR POOR MOTHER!
WHAT'S EVEN WORSE
IS THAT I CAN'T MANAGE TO REMEMBER MY MOTHER'S FACE EITHER, EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS SO AFFECTIONATE...
I DIDN'T LIE!
I DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORY OF IT!


MEMORY LAPSES. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I HAVE DONE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME
SOMETIMES, I GET
BUT IT WASN'T THE FIRST TIME I HAD LOST MY MEMORY

AND THAT I COULDN'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ACTIONS


UPON LEARNING THIS, MY BROTHER AND KIKYO TRIED TO DEFEND ME
THEY THOUGHT I MIGHT HAVE BEEN BEWITCHED


I WAS ADVISED TO CONSULT THE YINYANG CLAN.


THAT IS WHEN I UNDERSTOOD FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME

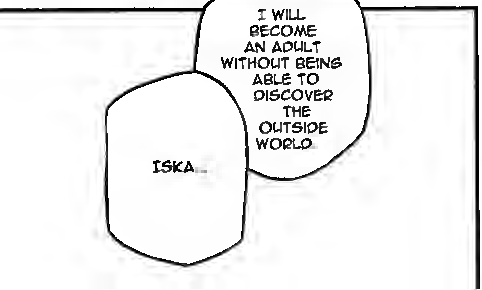
EVER SINCE MY BIRTH...
...A PARASITE HAS DEVELOPED WITHIN MY BODY...
AND EVEN THE WISEST MEMBER OF THE YINYANG CLAN COULDN'T SUCCEED IN COMPLETELY PULLING IT OUT.
...IT IS INSIDE ME.
IT'S STILL PARTIALLY THERE. IT'S ONLY HIBERNATING.
FOR MANY YEARS, THAT EVIL SPIRIT KEPT TAKING OVER MY BODY.

BUT SINCE HE COULD AWAKEN AT ANY TIME, MY FATHER IS EVEN MORE RELUCTANT TO LET ME OUTSIDE THE PALACE!
THANKS TO THEIR CARE, I NO LONGER HAVE ANY MEMORY LAPSES.

...YOU THINK THAT IS WHY PEOPLE DON'T LIKE YOU?
AND...

UNTIL OUR DEATH, WE ARE DOOMED TO STAY CONFINED WITHIN THESE WALLS
YOU AND I, WE ARE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR.

YES.
NOW, YOU KNOW EVERYTHING.


I WILL BECOME AN ADULT WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO DISCOVER THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
ISKA...

DO YOU REALLY INTEND TO LET YOURSELF ROT HERE WITHOUT FIRST SEEING THE GREATNESS OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS?
ISKA, IF YOU SO DESIRE...
...I CAN .
...LET YOU DISCOVER THE UNIVERSE...

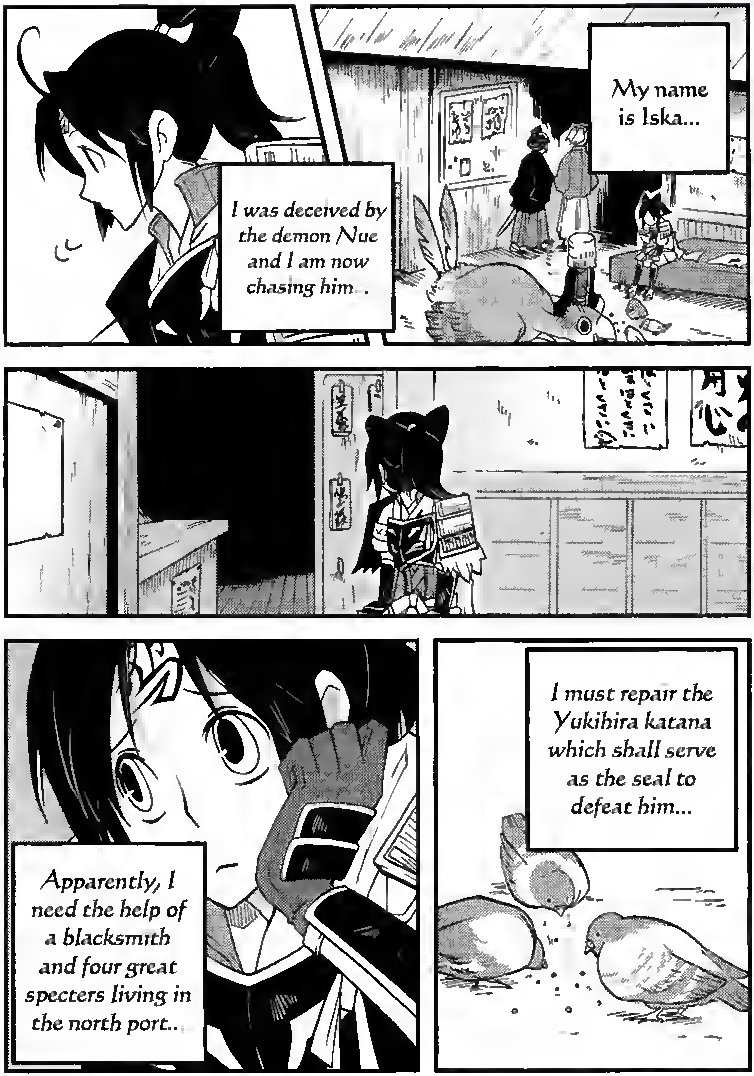
HAHA, NUE! YOU'RE JUST SAYING NONSENSE NOW!
ISKA, ARE YOU AFRAID TO LEAVE?
HMM, I WAS TOLD THAT THE WORLD WAS FULL OF EVIL SPECTERS...
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, BECOMING FRIENDS WITH A SPECTER IS POSSIBLE! AREN'T YOU THE LIVING PROOF OF THAT, NUE?
DON'T YOU WANT TO, ISKA?
WOULD YOU RATHER STAY INSIDE THIS STONE PRISON FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?
I..
I CAN BRING YOU MUCH FARTHER THAN THE WALLS OF THIS CASTLE..
YOU KNOW, I WOULD ALSO LOVE TO SEE THE WORLD AGAIN.

THE VERMILLION SKY IS SO BEAUTIFUL!
THE SUNSET SEEN FROM THE INLAND SEA IS...
WHERE I COME FROM.
YES, FAR TO THE NORTH.
THE INLAND SEA?
GHH--
Don't you want to see the north sky? Besides, I would like to reward you for these past two years..
You have to let me out when everyone is asleep Come back at night.

THERE IS NO HASTE THE SUN WILL ALWAYS BE THERE EVERYDAY
WE WON'T SEE THE SUNSET UNTIL TOMORROW
ALRIGHT, IT'S DARK OUTSIDE
KR
YES, I PROMISE
BUT DON'T FORGET TO BRING ME BACK HERE TOMORROW EVENING!
SO YOU WILL GO BACK TO HAVING A FREE LIFE, NUE?
GRR
I WILL GO WITHOUT MY BROTHER OR MY TUTOR'S HE...
YOU REALLY WANT TO TALK WITH THE EMPE-ROR?
SINCE HE ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE AVOIDING ME...
I INTEND TO EXPLAIN MYSELF TO FATHER AFTER COMING BACK HOME

NOT ONLY DID MY FATHER DIE
BUT SO DID 43 OTHER SERVANTS, NOT TO MENTION 60 CRITICALLY WOUNDED PERSONS WHO CROSSED HIS PATH INSIDE THE PALACE
THE DAMAGE RESULTING FROM HIS ESCAPE IS THE WORST WE HAVE EVER SUFFERED. THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS CRIME.
WE HAVE YET TO FIND ANY TRACE OF NUE. HE'S STILL ON THE RUN
YES.
ISKA, DID YOU ACT CONSCIOUSLY THIS TIME?
FROM YOUR OWN WILL?
IN THAT CASE, I ASK THE THREE GENERALS TO LET US KNOW YOUR SENTENCE.
HAA!
BIG BROTHER!

I WILL CUT OFF HIS HEAD!
AND I WILL COME BACK!
I..
I WILL SEARCH FOR NUE!
I WILL NOT RUN FROM MY SENTENCE, I SWEAR!
BUT LET ME GO SEARCH FOR HIM AND ATONE FOR MY MISTAKE! I BEG YOU!


I was deceived by the demon Nue and I am now chasing him..
My name is Iska...
Apparently, I need the help of a blacksmith and four great specters living in the north port..
I must repair the Yukihira katana which shall serve as the seal to defeat him...

I had barely begun my adventures when I met the slightly shady and...
...self-proclaimed, great specter Tenma, who knows a lot about Nue...
September 3 1240, still in Takenoi
I'LL GO WAKE HIM UP!
...Tenma was taking his time to get up and it was making me uneasy...
Ha! As far as shadiness goes, he was certainly quite the shady character... I met him two days earlier and I'm glad that he offered me his help but...

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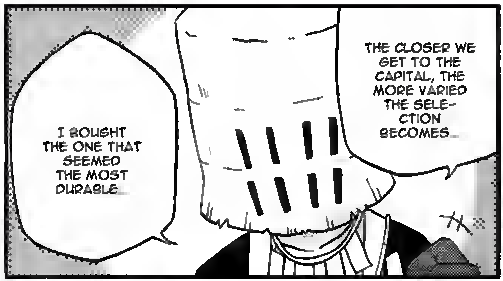
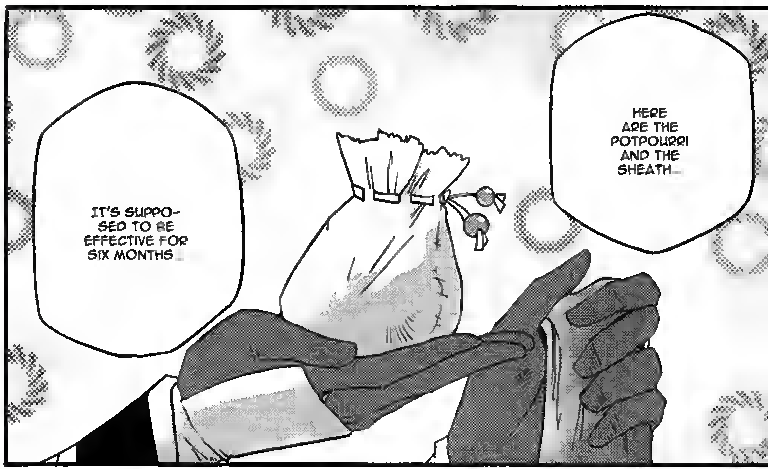
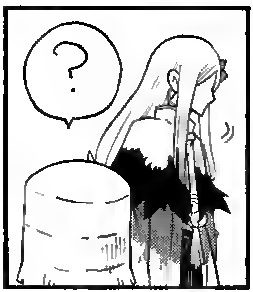
BE REASONABLE TENMA, BE REASONABLE!
ALRIGHT, YOU WIN! YOU WIN!
SUDDEN
HFFFF...
THAT LAZY SLOB...
...MAKES ME SICK! DOES HE THINK I'M A FORGIVING GUY OR WHAT?!
He must atone...
...with his death, thrice!

Gyaaaaaa!
TOP TOP
WHAM
I EVEN TOLD HIM TO REFRAIN HIMSELF, CONSIDERING THE DANGER...
THE YEARS PASS, YET HE'S STILL AS GRUMPY AS EVER
SUZUMI
TERRIBLE!
GOOD DAY, LORD TENMA
HOW ARE YOU DOING?
HE
DID YOU GET WHAT I ASKED FOR LAST NIGHT?


I BOUGHT THE ONE THAT SEEMED THE MOST DURABLE...
THE CLOSER WE GET TO THE CAPITAL, THE MORE VARIED THE SELECTION BECOMES...

YES...
MOST CERTAINLY...


IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR SIX MONTHS...
HERE ARE THE POTPOURRI AND THE SHEATH...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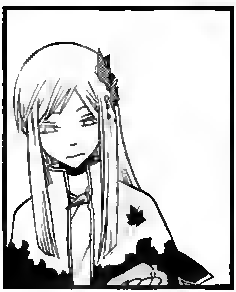
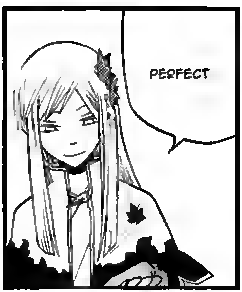


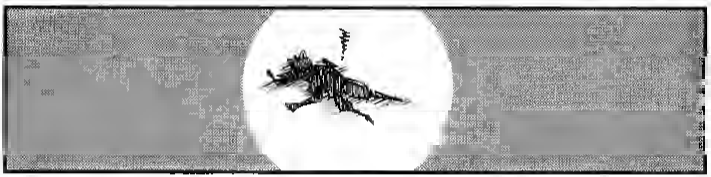

PERFECT

No memory of waking up whatsoever...such are the people who grow up in the Court...

Maturity doesn't make a man pleasant...

He becomes senile with age...

WHAT?! ISKA STILL ISN'T UP?



I HAVE NO INTENTION OF BEING TRACKED DOWN BY OROCHI AND OTHER "I HAVE A GOOD NOSE" CREATURES

BEFORE WE LEAVE, PUT YUKIHIRA BACK IN ITS SHEATH.

A POTPOURRI?

ATCHOOO!!
KEEP AN EYE ON HIM FOR A BIT...
I THINK THIS BAG SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO FOOL THEM
OUCH
FORTUNATELY, THAT NUE SMELL THAT STUCK TO YOU HAS ALMOST FADED
IT STOPPED RIGHT AT TAKENO!
HIS SMELL DISAPPE-ARED
UHM....
Asuka River Tributary
HIS SMELL.

COULDN'T HE BE SATISFIED LIVING AN IDLE AND DISSOLUTE LIFE?
COULD TENMA HAVE INTERVENED? I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW HE THINKS.
OROCHI!
NO NEWS FROM BABI SO FAR. HAS HE FAILED?
SPEAKING OF WHICH...
WOOD

OROCHI!
Head of the Gehoh clan, Kiryushi
YOU'VE BECOME QUITE THE SNAKE SINCE WE LAST MET...
THEY SAY YOU'VE KILLED A KID... IS THAT TRUE?

WHERE IS YUKIHIRA?

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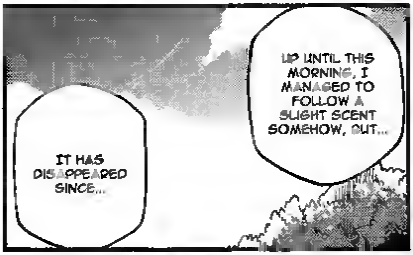
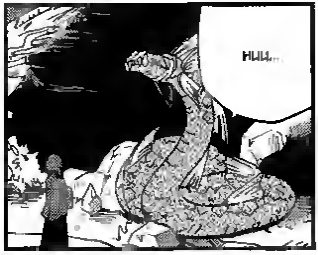
NEWS TRAVEL FAST, KIRYUSHI...


UP UNTIL THIS MORNING, I MANAGED TO FOLLOW A SLIGHT SCENT SOMEHOW, BUT...
IT HAS DISAPPEARED SINCE...


HUH...

COULD IT BE NUE?
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE, FORGET IT...

BEING SO INEXPERIENCED, YOU OBVIOUSLY DO NOT FEAR NUE..
WHUK

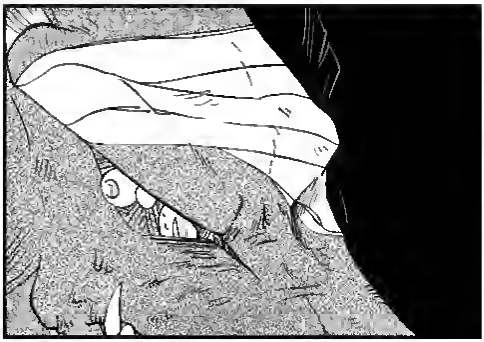
WE CAN'T RELY ON YOU FOR ANYTHING, CAN WE...

I'M JUST ASKING YOU TO RETRIEVE THE YUKIHIRA.
DON'T DO ANYTHING UNNECE-SSARY...
A KAWARA-BAN* PRINTED BY MEN...
I PICKED UP SOMETHING INTERESTING ON THE WAY...
WHAT IS THAT PIECE OF PAPER?
NUE'S NAME DOESN'T APPEAR ANYWHERE...
BECAUSE WE, THE GEHOH, HAVE BEEN BLAMED...
IN A RUTHLESS DISPLAY, A GEHOH KILLED EMPEROR SZAK AS WELL AS THE SECOND PRINCE...
IT IS WRITTEN THAT...

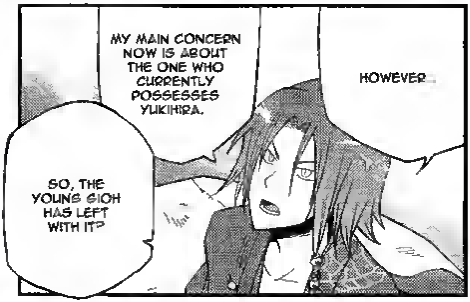
TL/NOTE: JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS. LITERALLY "TILE-BLOCK PRINTING", REFERRING TO THE USE OF CLAY PRINTING BLOCKS, WHICH WERE PRINTED HANDBILLS SOLD IN MAJOR CITIES TO DISSEMINATE MAJOR SOCIAL GATHERINGS OR EVENTS.

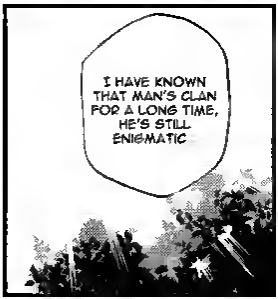
NOT AT ALL.
KIRYUSHI, DO YOU THINK I'M LYING OR THAT I MAY BE MISTAKEN?
BAKI
IN FACT, IT'S ALL GOING ACCORDING TO MY PLANS...
I'M JUST SLIGHTLY SURPRISED TO SEE THINGS GOING MY WAY...

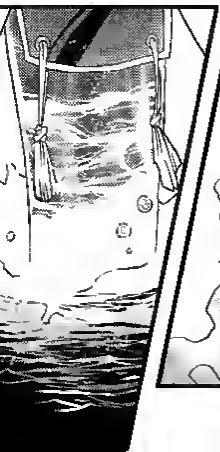
THE FUTURE EMPEROR IS FOCUSING ALL HIS EFFORTS ON HIS ADVANCE GUARD IN HIS WAR AGAINST SPECTERS...
SO, EITHER HE REALLY DESPISES US OR HE'S JUST BEING AGGRES-SIVE...
EITHER WAY, IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT HE WILL TAKE FIRMER STEPS AGAINST US THAN HIS PREDECESSOR...
AS THE LOSSES BEGIN TO TAKE THEIR TOLL ON BOTH SIDES, IT WILL BECOME EASIER TO INVOLVE THE NEUTRAL SPECTERS...
Tatsu!



IT WOULD BE NICE IF THIS DISSENT COULD INTENSIFY


MY MAIN CONCERN NOW IS ABOUT THE ONE WHO CURRENTLY POSSESSES YUKIHIRA.
HOWEVER...
SO, THE YOUNG GIOH HAS LEFT WITH IT?

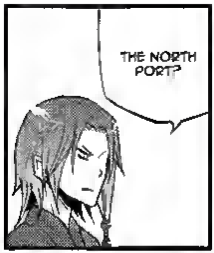

I HAVE KNOWN THAT MAN'S CLAN FOR A LONG TIME, HE'S STILL ENIGMATIC



THE TENMA CLAN ALSO WANTS THE SEALED SWORD... BUT IT IS NOT THE ONLY THING TENMA DESIRES...
TENMA APPEARED AT THE SAME TIME AS I DID...

YES... BUT AS WE SPEAK, HE MIGHT NOT BE ALONE

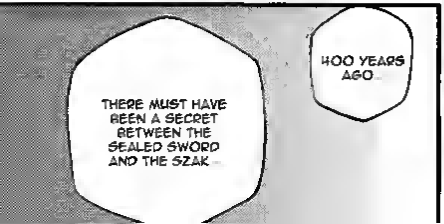
NOT BECAUSE HIS CLAN WANTS TO, BUT BECAUSE HE WANTS TO
IT SEEMS THAT HE ALSO WISHES TO KEEP THE YOUNG GIOH AT HIS DISPOSAL.
GABI!!
THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU! DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO GO OUT?!
WHAT WOULD I DO IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?!
SORRY, I...
BIG BROTHER, YOU HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT IF YUKIHIRA WERE TO BE UNSEALED, WE SHOULD STEAL IT...
YES, BUT NOT YOU!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT!

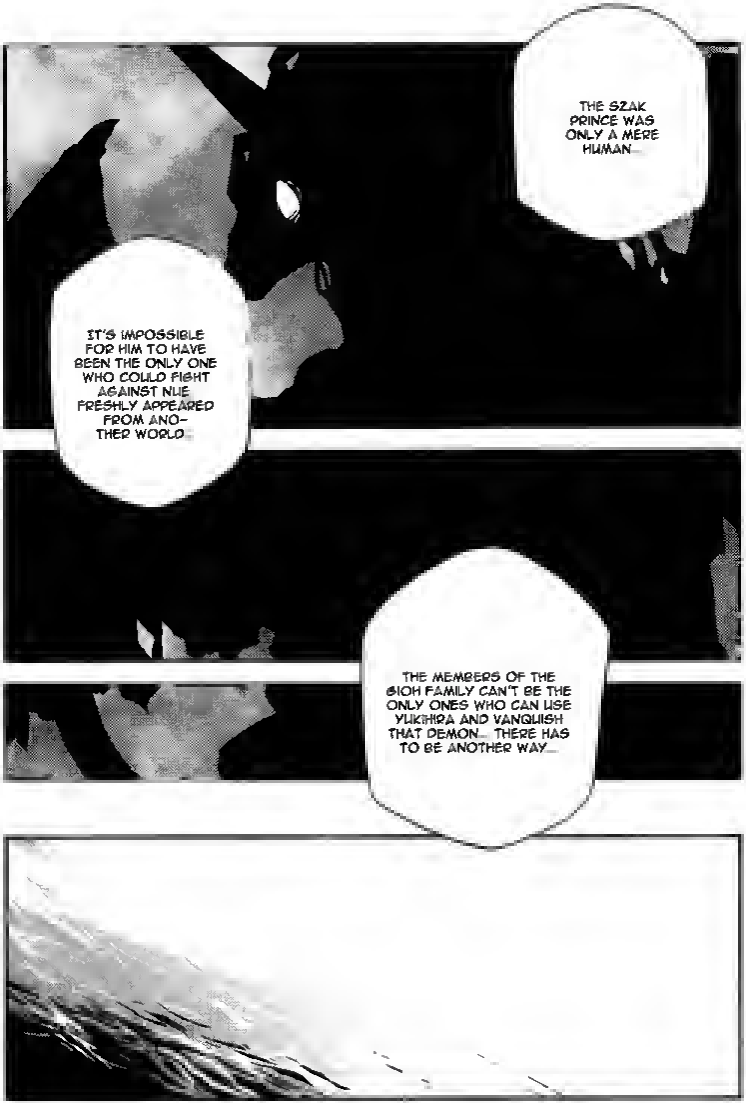

THE NORTH PORT?

NO DOUBT THEY MUST BE HEADING TOWARDS THE NORTH PORT TO REPAIR THE SWORD...
IT SEEMS THAT YUKIHIRA HAS BEEN BROKEN...

BEFORE TENMA BECOMES A NUISANCE, I WILL CAPTURE ALL THE BLACKSMITHS AND TORTURE THEM...
BUT WE STILL DON'T KNOW ANYTHING FOR SURE. I WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN RELIABLE INFORMATION ON YUKIHIRA, NOT ON SOME LEGEND...

IT SEEMS THAT A DESCENDANT OF THE BLACKSMITH WHO FORGED YUKIHIRA 400 YEARS AGO LIVES THERE...
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO NOW, KIRYUSHI? YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR AGAINST THE GIOH GENERAL... YOU CAN'T LEAVE FOR TOO LONG, CAN YOU?


400 YEARS AGO...
THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A SECRET BETWEEN THE SEALED SWORD AND THE SZAK...


THE SZAK PRINCE WAS ONLY A MERE HUMAN...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO HAVE BEEN THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD FIGHT AGAINST NUE FRESHLY APPEARED FROM ANOTHER WORLD...
THE MEMBERS OF THE SIOH FAMILY CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN USE YUKIHIRA AND VANQUISH THAT DEMON... THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY...

WHOA
I MUST BE DREAMING! IT'S HUGE!!
SO MUCH WATER!
THE ASUKA TRIBUTARY HOLDS THAT MUCH WATER?!
HE
IT'S THE BIGGEST RIVER OF THE ISLAND. IT'S ESSENTIAL FOR MARITIME TRAFFIC.

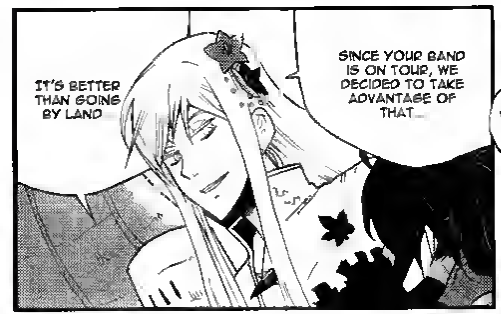
THAT PERSON SHOULD ALSO HAVE ARRIVED BY NOW...
AL-RIGHT...
SO, FROM NOW ON, WE'LL GO BY BOAT?
YES, IT WILL TAKE US TWO DAYS
AH...
YOU'RE HERE, YOU'RE HERE!
KAGAMI, I'M OVER HERE!

HEY, GUYS! KAGAMI, SUZUMI AND ISKA ARE HERE!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU'VE SEEN EVERYBODY...
ISN'T SHE THE ONE I MET YESTERDAY AT THE INN?
TENMA!
HEY, HOW ARE YOU DOING?
TOSE!
SHIJAKU!
KATSURAGI!
ALRIGHT!
HEY, YOU CAN ALSO RIDE MY LITTLE KAKEZERI!
HUH?
HUH?

TL/NOTE: 1 NEKO=CAT
2 KAGURA AKA 'GOD-ENTERTAINMENT' IS A JAPANESE WORD REFERRING TO A SPECIFIC TYPE OF SHINTO THEATRICAL DANCE

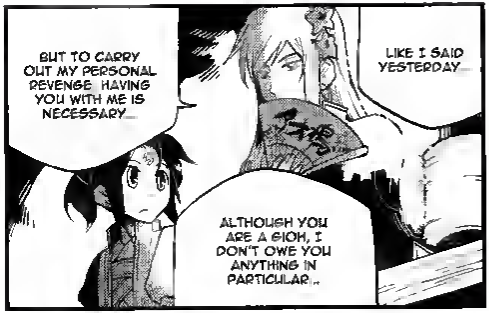
I PRESENT YOU THE NEKO* BAND TRAVELLING THROUGHOUT THE ISLANDS, "VARIATIONS OF KAGURA"!
Singer and Bassist, Hibiki
Drummer, Kotetsu
SINCE YOU GREW UP IN THE COURT, YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW US, ISKA...
Guitarist, Mahara
Guitarist, Toyomi

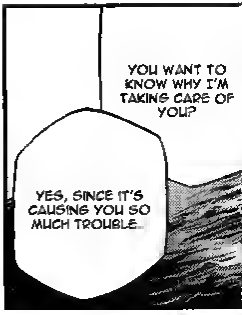
WE'LL SHOW THAT WE'RE RESPONSIBLE AND ESCORT YOU TO THE NORTH PORT...
WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED! IT MUST HAVE BEEN TERRIBLE!
WE DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENED TO NUE SO DON'T WORRY...
Singer, Kanae

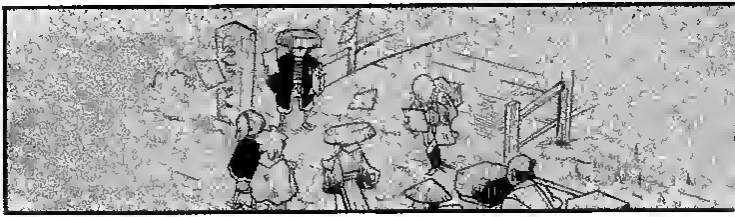


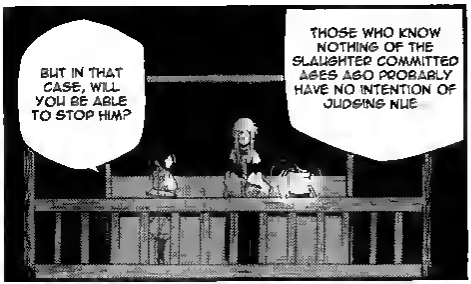
NAMES? OH, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF STATUS..
WHY DO THEY ALL CALL YOU BY DIFFERENT NAMES? KAGAMI, TOSEI, ETC...?
HEY, TENMA!
EACH MEMBER OF THE BAND MET HIM IN A DIFFERENT PLACE SO THAT'S WHY...
LORD TENMA CHANGES HIS APPEARANCE DEPENDING ON HIS MOOD WHEN HE TRAVELS THE HUMAN WORLD..
FOR ME, HE'S SHIJAKU, THE ACTOR...
FOR ME, HE'S KATSURAGI, THE PAINTER...
FOR ME, HE IS KAGAMI, LAZY AND DEBAUCHED
YOU UNDERSTAND NOW...
THAT'S QUITE A NUMBER...
FOR ME, HE'S TOSEI, THE HAIKU WRITER...
FOR ME, HE'S TENMA, THE OLD SPECTER..

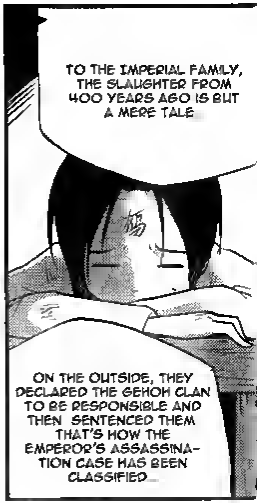
SO THEN, WHICH IS THE RIGHT ONE, TENMA?
TENMA, HOW MANY NAMES DO YOU HAVE?
THEY'RE ALL GOOD AND BAD AT THE SAME TIME... JUST CALL ME AS YOU WANT...
AS MANY AS THE NUMBER OF LIFESTYLES I WANT TO TRY
I'D HATE TO TO THINK HE COULD BE USING ME, BUT
MAYBE I SHOULD MAKE SURE...
HIS NAME...
I DIDN'T ASK HIM WHY HE WAS TAKING CARE OF ME LIKE THAT...
TENMA!
CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
ON SECOND THOUGHT, THERE ARE MORE QUESTIONS I WOULD LIKE TO ASK!


BUT TO CARRY OUT MY PERSONAL REVENGE, HAVING YOU WITH ME IS NECESSARY...
LIKE I SAID YESTERDAY...
ALTHOUGH YOU ARE A GIOH, I DON'T OWE YOU ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR...

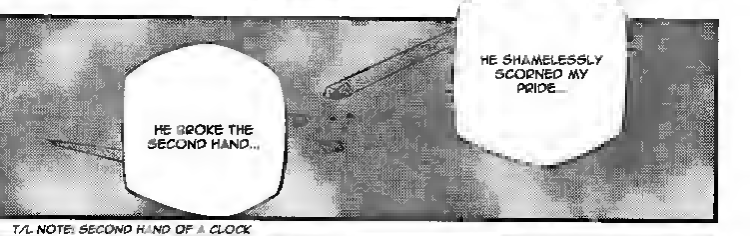

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I'M TAKING CARE OF YOU?
YES, SINCE IT'S CAUSING YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE...



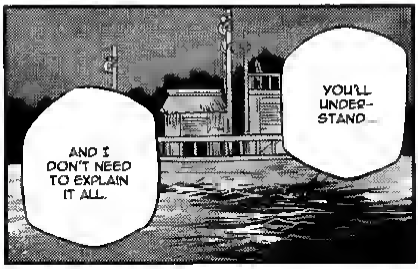

BUT IN THAT CASE, WILL YOU BE ABLE TO STOP HIM?
THOSE WHO KNOW NOTHING OF THE SLAUGHTER COMMITTED AGES AGO PROBABLY HAVE NO INTENTION OF JUDGING NUE.


TO THE IMPERIAL FAMILY, THE SLAUGHTER FROM 400 YEARS AGO IS BUT A MERE TALE.
ON THE OUTSIDE, THEY DECLARED THE GEHOH CLAN TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND THEN SENTENCED THEM. THAT'S HOW THE EMPEROR'S ASSASSINATION CASE HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED...

BESIDES, WHY DO YOU WANT TO TAKE REVENGE ON NUE?
The time...

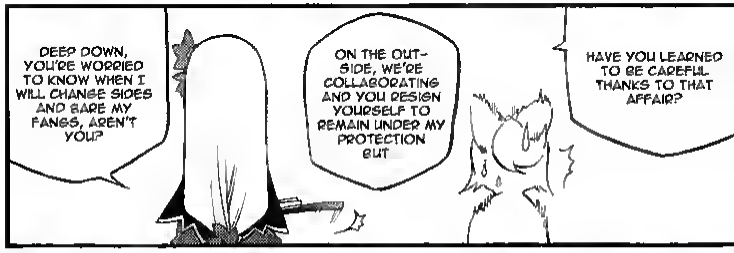


T/L NOTE: SECOND HAND OF A CLOCK


YOU'LL UNDERSTAND...
AND I DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN IT ALL.

IF YOU EVER GET THE CHANCE...
TO SEE NUE AGAIN...

MOREOVER...


DEEP DOWN, YOU'RE WORRIED TO KNOW WHEN I WILL CHANGE SIDES AND BARE MY FANGS, AREN'T YOU?
ON THE OUTSIDE, WE'RE COLLABORATING AND YOU RESIGN YOURSELF TO REMAIN UNDER MY PROTECTION BUT...
HAVE YOU LEARNED TO BE CAREFUL THANKS TO THAT AFFAIR?

BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE THE ENTIRE WORLD HAS ABANDONED YOU...
HMM.

YES...
YOU'RE STILL SCARED AND DO NOT TRUST ME...

IF YOU TELL ME YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS ANSWER...
I'LL ALSO ADD THIS...
FORCING YOU TO BE GRATEFUL TO ME WOULD BE UNETHICAL...
TRUE, I AM ONLY HELPING YOU FOR MY OWN INTE-RESTS, BUT...
AND THE EVIL SPIRIT THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIDDEN INSIDE YOU...
BOTH NUE'S POWER WHICH HAS GROWN INSIDE YOU
THERE IS A REASON WHY I MUST CONTROL.
?
BUT I'VE NEVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU UNTIL TODAY...
IT'S BECAUSE OF A "DEBT"...

THE EMPEROR SZAK HAS ASKED ME...
TO HELP HIS SON, SHOULD HE EVER BE IN TROUBLE
September 4, North Port

YOU'RE FROM THE BEHOH CLAN?
WHAT?
ZK
YOU SERIOUSLY INTEND TO STOP A PENNILESS BLACKSMITH?!
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EXCUSE ME, BUT I WAS JUST GOING BACK HOME TO GET SOME SLEEP!

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